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MR. JENKINS: All right, good evening. I would first like to remind everyone in attendance that the webinar and your comments are being recorded. It is now 6:00 p.m., Monday, February 8th, 2021. This hearing is being conducted consistent with Governor Northam's executive order number 51, item 4-0.01G of chapter 1289 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly and the applicable provisions of 2.2-3708.2 of the Freedom of Information Act.

The Department is convening today's meeting electronically. This meeting is necessary for the discharge of the Department's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibility, but it is not feasible or safe to assemble in a single location due to the declaration of State, a state of emergency for Covid-19. This public hearing is being held electronically through Go To Webinar. If during the webinar you experience technical difficulties, please contact Kevin Vaughan at 804-698-4470 or email him at

kevinvaughan, V-A-U-G-H-A-N, @dq.virginia, 1 spelled out, .gov. Mr. Vaughan's information is 2 3 also located on the presentation. 4 I will now call the hearing to 5 My name is Paul Jenkins. I am the 6 regional air permit manager for the Blue Ridge 7 Regional Office of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. I will be the hearing 8 9 officer conducting this hearing. Tonight's 10 hearing is being convened by the Commonwealth of 11 Virginia, Department of Environmental Quality, on behalf of the State Air Pollution Control Board 12 13 and in accordance with 9VAC5-80-1170 of its 14 regulations regarding public participation. 15 As required by law, a public 16 notice announcing this hearing was published in 17 the Chatham Star Tribute newspaper on December 18 16th, 2020. The comment period will end on March 19 10th, 2021, which results in a sixty-one-day 20 comment period. The subject of this hearing 21 concerns an application submitted by Mountain 22 Valley Pipeline, LLC, for the proposed Lambert 23 Compressor Station, requesting a minor new source 24 review permit for a natural gas compressor 25 station.

1 This hearing allows the public the 2 opportunity to provide verbal comments on the 3 draft permit. Written comments that are 4 submitted in a timely manner will become part of the official record, whether they are read in 5 their entirety or summarized orally. All written 6 7 statements should be sent to DEO at either the mailing or email address provided in the public 8 9 notice. Written comments mailed to DEO must be 10 received by DEQ by close of business on March 11 10th, 2021. And emailed comments must be 12 received by DEQ by 11:59 p.m. on March 10th, 13 2021. 14 Comments will be received only on 15 the subject of this hearing. Because this is not 16 an adversary proceeding as in a court of law, 17 statements need not be sworn nor will there be 18 cross examination. Debates between individual 19 speakers will be ruled out of order and will not 20 be included in the official record. 21 electronic transcript is being taken of all 22 testimonies at this hearing. 23 I would now like to review the 24 procedures for the hearing. Before taking 25 comments from the general public, I will call on

the registered elected State and local officials or any tribal representatives that identify their desire to speak. Once any commenting officials have spoken, I will open the floor to receive public comments. In order to be recognized to speak tonight, I will ask you to use the raise your hand function on the Go To Webinar control bar that appears on your screen. Once you have raised your hand, please leave your hand raised. I will lower your hand once you have spoken so we can accurately follow who has spoken and who wishes to speak.

When called upon to give your statement, I will unmute you and you can begin to speak. Please speak slowly and clearly so that your comments can be accurately and completely recorded. I will be calling on individuals in alphabetical order by your last, by your first name. All individuals who have raised their hand will be given the opportunity to speak.

All comments are to be directed to me, the hearing officer. This is a hearing and I am here to listen. You are requested to state your full name and who you represent prior to making your comments. Please limit your comments

to a maximum of three minutes in order to ensure 1 2 that all who desire to speak will be allowed an 3 If your comment has been opportunity to do so. 4 covered by a previous commenter, it is 5 appropriate to simply state that you agree with 6 the previous commenter. You are encouraged to 7 submit any lengthy material for the record that 8 summarize your statement orally at this hearing. 9 As mentioned earlier, all written 10 statements should be sent to DEO at either the 11 mail or email address provided in the public 12 notice or as seen on the screen. Please note the 13 contact information is provided for a DEQ staff 14 member to assist with any technical issues you 15 may be experiencing during the hearing. 16 now open the floor for any tribal representatives 17 and elected State and local officials who would 18 like to speak. Please raise your hand at this 19 time. 20 FEMALE SPEAKER: Ronald Scearce 21 has raised his hand. He's on the Board of 22 Supervisors for Pittsylvania County. You're 23 unmuted. 24 MR. JENKINS: All right, Ronald, 25 if you are ready to speak.

1 FEMALE SPEAKER: We also have 2 Robert Warren who is also on the Board of 3 I'll unmute him. There we go, Supervisors. 4 they're both unmuted now, so. 5 MR. SCEARCE: Okay, this is Ron 6 Scearce. 7 FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes, we can hear 8 you. 9 MR. SCEARCE: Okay. All right, 10 I'm the vice chairman for the Pittsylvania County 11 Board of Supervisors and I'm offering comments in 12 support of the application of the MVP Southgate 13 Project. MVP Southgate Project is especially 14 important to our community and its construction 15 will create an estimated five hundred and seventy 16 jobs in Virginia. The economic impact of this 17 hiring will benefit the County through additional 18 tax revenue which we need. This project will 19 also pay taxes once it starts operating and we 20 can expect to see an additional 1.2 million in 21 property taxes paid in Pittsylvania County. 22 Not only is the infrastructure 23 provided by this project important for promoting 24 economic opportunity in our community, but since 25 2019 MVP has been a fantastic partner with us

providing an outreach effort that has funded many 1 sponsorships for our local charities along with 2 3 direct grants to Pittsylvania County's public 4 safety and the Career Tech Center welding 5 programs. Mountain Valley has made a concerted effort to reach out directly to all stakeholders. 6 7 I've heard from them and I know the community members around the facility have heard from them 8 And I do appreciate MVP's transparency 10 in communicating with the public about this 11 project.

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Most of the people that I have talked to are a supporter of this project and they understand how important this project is to our county, our state, and our country. I know the regulatory process is thorough and the draft permitted analyses are based on research and science. The facts are that this project meets the requirements for the permit and the permit should be approved. This facility is more than half a mile from the nearest house and the modeling shows that it's not likely to affect any of the residents from a noise perspective or from an air quality perspective.

I am looking forward to this



project being approved, built, and put into 1 service and to the continued support MVP has 2 3 given to our community. Thank you for your time. 4 MR. JENKINS: All right, thank 5 you. If one of the other Board of Supervisors would like to speak at this time. All right, 6 7 Robert Warren? Are you, can you hear me, Robert? 8 I'm not able to hear you. I don't know if you're 9 still muted on your end. Is David Smitherman, if 10 you're available and you would like to speak, you 11 raised your hand. 12 MR. SMITHERMAN: Yes, can you hear 13 me? 14 MR. JENKINS: Yes, we can, David. 15 Is this David? 16 MR. SMITHERMAN: Yes, this is 17 David Smitherman. And just for your, Mr. Warren 18 is having a hard time with the audio. I don't 19 know if he's trying to call in by telephone, but 20 just be looking out for him. But I'll be happy 21 to give my remarks now. 22 MR. JENKINS: Okay. 23 MR. SMITHERMAN: So I'm David 24 Smitherman, Pittsylvania County Administrator. Ι 25 appreciate the opportunity to speak at this

1 hearing in support of MVP Southgate's application for the Lambert Compressor Station. Tonight I'm 2 3 speaking to you representing the County and 4 speaking on behalf of the Board of Supervisors at the Board's request. The County has worked with 5 MVP several times during the past few years and 6 7 we have found the company to be open with the 8 sharing of information and responsive to our 9 requests, as well as our citizens' requests. 10 is invested in our community and support of 11 various nonprofit concerns including our 12 volunteer fire and rescue system and many other 13 important areas which they have been able to find 14 a way to make impact. 15 Our county has been home of a 16 similar compressor station and associated 17 pipeline for many, many decades. The pipeline 18 and associated companies have been good neighbors 19 and the County supports MVP and its plan to join 20 our business community. The proposed Lambert 21 Station is well-situated in a very rural area and 22 will not cause any additional burden to County or 23 its citizens of the associated 1.5-mile radius. 24 I am privy to many of the, most 25 recently I've been privy to many of the alarmist



comments that many groups outside of Pittsylvania County have made regarding this station. I have personally heard representatives from the Sierra Club, Southern Environmental Law Center, and the Virginia State Chapter of NAACP incite fear and anger of area residents toward MVP Southgate's project outside of Chatham. They've railed against the disproportionate impact on black people, on the disproportionate impact on poor people, and the outlandish fear that a dropped cigarette butt could cause massive explosions resulting in death. All of which I've heard personally with my own ears watching their propaganda.

These outsiders obviously do not know well the proposed Lambert Compressor Station site. Within a mile and a half of the Lambert Station are approximately five hundred homes, less than one percent of the County's population. The median household income of the area is \$5,000 more than the county as a whole. The average home value is forty-two percent higher than the county as a whole, while minority residents make up less than half of the average within our county in just this 1.5-mile radius.

It should be stated also that the 1 2 economic development benefits of this project are 3 tremendous for our county. The additional tax 4 revenue from this facility and the pipeline will 5 be very important in supporting our core public services and will also help us with the 6 7 tremendous burden of our school division and the 8 many facilities that we maintain by virtue of 9 being the largest county by geography in the 10 Commonwealth. We expect, additionally we expect 11 the short term benefits of construction of this 12 project will be helpful for generating local 13 sales tax revenue and providing impact to our 14 local businesses. 15 In closing, I appreciate the 16 detail in which the application has been made, 17 the openness of MVP with the County, and DEQ's 18 analysis of the station. Thank you for the 19 opportunity to speak. 20 MR. JENKINS: All right, thank 21 Let's see, I don't know if Robert is vou, sir. 22 on the call. Robert, can you hear me? Robert 23 Warren? 24 FEMALE SPEAKER: It doesn't look 25 like it. I have asked him to reach out to Kevin

1 Vaughan to see if Kevin can help him with his 2 audio. 3 MR. JENKINS: All right. The only 4 other hand that we have raised at this time is 5 Freeda Cathcart. FEMALE SPEAKER: 6 She's not an 7 elected official. 8 MR. JENKINS: Okay. All right. 9 So I do not see any other hands raised for 10 elected officials. All right, since, if there 11 are any other elected official or tribal 12 representatives that would like to speak at this 13 time, if they would please raise their hand and 14 we will call on you. And I do not see any. 15 there is at one time, you will be able to speak 16 as we go down the list alphabetically by first 17 name. 18 All right, I will now open the 19 floor for any members of the public who would 20 like to speak. Please raise your hand at this 21 time. As a reminder, this can be done by using 22 the raise your hand function on the Go To Webinar 23 control bar that appears on your screen. 24 you have raised your hand, please leave your hand

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pipelines, Atlantic Coast and Mountain Valley. 1 And should have reviewed that from the beginning 2 3 and there would have been no construction 4 whatsoever of them. Now both pipelines, Atlantic 5 Coast is gone, and Mountain Valley may also be So the, this compressor as all the other 6 7 subunits may be totally in vain. I'm concerned 8 that the concern of the speakers thus far are 9 only concerned about the monetary interest to 10 them with no long term view for the atmosphere as 11 a whole. 12 And these pipelines are nothing 13 but an effort to worsen our climate situation, 14 which is dire. I believe that it should be 15 concerning to DEQ that it's putting one more nail 16 into hurting the environment and letting the 17 construction go forward, especially when it's in 18 court in a number of places and there is some 19 doubt as to whether it will go through entirely. 20 Thank you for listening, I appreciate it very 21 much. All the best. 22 MR. JENKINS: All right, thank 23 you, sir. 24 MR. WARREN: This is Robert 25 Warren.

1 MR. JENKINS: Yes, Robert. 2 MR. WARREN: Yes, I'm sorry, I was 3 having problems before. I am Robert Warren, I'm 4 on the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors 5 and also serve on the Danville Pittsylvania County Regional Industrial Facilities Authority 6 7 and I'm definitely in support of MVP Southgate project. And I would echo the same comments that 8 Mr. Smitherman, our County Administrator, has 10 already made and Mr. Scearce, my colleague. 11 I have the utmost confidence in 12 DEQ and all of the other agencies that are 13 monitoring these. I don't believe it'll be a 14 negative impact on our environment and water 15 capacity for this particular project. 16 understand everyone's concerns, but I don't see 17 that they are valid for this particular project. 18 Mountain Valley has been diligent in reaching out 19 to the local residents in the county and have 20 become a part of our community. They've joined 21 many of our organizations to assist with that all 22 the way down to joining the Danville Pittsylvania 23 County Chamber of Commerce and trying to be a 24 part of the community, not just be someone that 25 runs something through here and then doesn't

become a part of it.

I think they will add substantial quality jobs to our area that are very important. And, yes, they will have a monetary importance to the County in order for us to control our tax base and we certainly know we need that because the people that are impacted the most when we have to make those tax increases are our disadvantaged individuals. So it'll go a long ways in helping with that from a standpoint of not having to have those tax increases.

in dire need of that. Living in a county that is almost a thousand square miles makes education very difficult. We have to have a lot more buildings and facilities and MVP has been good about trying to assist and work with us on other areas to help with those. And we have major infrastructure situations and needs in our school systems that must be funded and projects like this will greatly assist us in funding those projects for education. It'll also assist us in providing better broadband. Being a rural community, we are lacking in broadband and we certainly know our students need that to be

1 competitive in the world we're in today. So I'd 2 just like to again echo my support of MVP 3 Southgate Project as it moves forward and 4 everything that Mr. Scearce and Mr. Smitherman said earlier, I do concur with. Thank you. 5 6 MR. JENKINS: All right, thank you 7 for your comments. The next member of the public that we have listed is Anderson and Elizabeth 8 9 If you would please state your full name 10 and who you may be representing. 11 MS. JONES: This is Elizabeth 12 Jones. 13 MR. JONES: And Anderson Jones. 14 MS. JONES: We are farmers, we are 15 farm owners, and community activists. As the 16 chair of the Pittsylvania County NAACP 17 environmental justice committee, I would like 18 this statement to be noted and considered by the 19 Department of Environmental Quality at this 20 virtual public hearing. The Mountain Valley 21 Pipeline is seeking an air quality permit 22 approved by the Department of Environmental 23 Quality for the Lambert Compressor Station to be 24 operated in the Bannister District of 25 Pittsylvania County. The existing Transco

1 Williams Pipeline compressor station site will now have a third gas compressor station which 2 3 will be located on the Jones family farm. 4 The need and greed for more 5 profits by these fossil fuel energy producers is 6 all that matters to them. But why us? Why in my 7 backyard? Why in Bannister District? We're all in the struggle for environmental and climate 8 9 change justice because it's a civil rights issue 10 that is not going away without active 11 participation from everyone. Systemic racism is 12 our enemy. African-Americans in rural 13 communities must become advocates for clean air 14 and water and speak out against polluters. 15 We're seeking clean energy and 16 climate friendly choices. Here's what the 17 polluters will give us in the Bannister District, 18 which is a minority majority election district. 19 Carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, volatile organic 20 compounds, and potentially hazardous air 21 pollutants such as formaldehyde. Health concerns 22 because of air pollutants from the compressor 23 stations are real. Chronic levels of air 24 pollution increase the rates of respiratory 25 infections such as pneumonia, asthma, and cancer

are factors for African-Americans due to the proximity of power plants. I'm frightened about these poisons because Anderson has asthma and his mother died from asthma.

I'm also angry about the lack of regulations and enforcements from the Commonwealth and the County's government agencies. The NAACP is involved because our struggle for environmental justice needs the attention of our elected and the appointed officials. We must keep our community informed about becoming a pollution hotspot. Anderson was born and raised on the Jones farm. His indigenous heritage goes back to the 1500s. He remembers finding Native American artifacts as the soil was being plowed.

We want quiet enjoyment in our home. Our daughter and our grandchildren will be living on the farm some day. Our family farm and the heritage may mean nothing to many, but it means everything to us. Stop the Mountain Valley Pipeline Lambert Compressor Station from stealing that legacy from us. Ladies and gentlemen of the Department of Environmental Quality, please stop the Mountain Valley Pipeline's Lambert

1 Compression Station from proceeding through our community in Pittsylvania County. We demand that 2 3 the Virginia DEQ regulators monitor air quality 4 at the compressor stations in Pittsylvania County 5 and provide details to the residents. We demand that permits be withheld. Thank you for this 6 7 time to speak. 8 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 9 comments. All right, next on our list is Beth 10 Stockner. 11 MS. STOCKNER: Good evening. Μy 12 name is Beth Stockner and I'm speaking tonight on 13 behalf of the Virginia Oil and Gas Association. 14 VOGA represents the natural gas industry 15 producers, suppliers, and contracting companies 16 that employ thousands of Virginians, providing 17 them with good paying jobs to sustain them and 18 their families. We live here, we work here, and 19 we are committed to our communities. 20 The Air Board should approve the 21 air permit for MVP's Southgate Lambert Compressor 22 Station because the research shows this facility 23 will have no significant impact on air quality. 24 Thousands of miles of pipeline already run safely 25 through Virginia and our country. MVP Southgate

is designed to operate safely while providing 1 2 greater access to affordable domestic natural 3 gas. 4 The gas industry nationwide spends 5 billions of dollars each year to ensure the 6 safety and reliability of natural gas 7 infrastructure. Natural gas utilities are 8 subject not only to their own stringent internal 9 controls according to the American Gas 10 Association, but they also must meet rigorous 11 Federal and State oversight with inspectors 12 performing inspections regularly by State 13 regulators to ensure compliance. Pipeline 14 operators like Mountain Valley Pipeline take 15 proactive steps to ensure that health, safety, 16 security, and environmental concerns are 17 addressed at all stages including in the 18 planning, construction, and operational phases of 19 any pipeline installation and operation. 20 This has clearly been the case for 21 the MVP Southgate project. This project's 22 impacts have been limited through a design that 23 sites the Lambert Station near a larger 24 compressor station that has existed for many 25 years in Pittsylvania County. The Lambert

1 Station is seeking a minor source permit and its controls are recognized in the State's analysis 2 as state of the art. Affordable natural gas is 3 4 an important draw for Virginia companies looking 5 to expand and for new companies looking to move to Virginia. 6 7 Natural gas has been instrumental 8 in reducing carbon emissions in the U.S. and 9 driving economic opportunity. The MVP Southgate 10 will ensure that more American businesses and 11 homes have access to this reliable, affordable, 12 and cleaner fuel source. Thank you for the 13 opportunity to provide comments on behalf of VOGA 14 and its members. And we ask you to please 15 approve the air permit for MVP Southgate's 16 Lambert Compressor Station. Thank you. 17 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 18 comments. Next on our list is Brian Crockett. 19 Brian, if you'll state your full name and who you 20 may be representing. 21 MR. CROCKETT: Yes, my name is 22 Brian Crockett and I work for SISU Energy 23 Environmental. SISU Energy Environmental is

Brian Crockett and I work for SISU Energy
Environmental. SISU Energy Environmental is
providing the emissions reduction system for the
solar combustion gas turbine driving the

station's pipeline compressor. The SISU team has been designing emission reduction systems for gas turbines for almost thirty years and is an approved supplier for all major gas turbine providers.

achieve stringent emission reduction in line with today's aggressive industry standards using the best proven technology to do so. This design uses two different types of catalysts, one to reduce CO, volatile organic compounds, and formaldehyde emissions. And one for NOx reduction. The combination of these two catalysts is a proven, historical method to achieve the best emission reduction performance.

This system uses the same catalyst technology currently used in hundreds of power and process plants across the nation, reducing the exhaust gas emissions generated by combustion gas turbines like the one used on this project.

CO admissions are reduced by at least ninety-two percent by using the CO oxidation catalyst. The same proven technology used inside automotive catalytic converters.

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volatile organic compounds produced by more than 1 2 fifty percent. And formaldehyde destruction will 3 be greater than ninety percent. NOx emissions 4 are reduced by seventy percent using what is 5 called a selective catalytic reduction catalyst 6 that converts the NOx into harmless nitrogen and 7 In addition, noise pollution concerns are water. 8 abated using comprehensive and fully integrated 9 silencing equipment which is designed to maintain 10 the plant's contribution to ambient noise levels 11 in the general area. The catalyst and noise 12 attenuation equipment included in SISU's design 13 combines to make the station a responsible 14 partner in the neighborhood. Thank you. 15 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 16 comments. Uf: 17 Paul. MR. JENKINS: 18 Yes? 19 Uf: We need to call on Freeda Cathcart. 20 Okay, certainly. MR. JENKINS: 21 Freeda, are you on the call? You should be 22 unmuted. 23 Uf: She is. 24 MS. CATHCART: Are you able to 25 hear me?



1 MR. JENKINS: Yes, we can hear 2 you. 3 MS. CATHCART: Okay, I appreciate 4 Yeah, I had raised my hand earlier. 5 didn't realize when I signed up to put my elected official title down and I do have a meeting 6 7 coming up at 7:00 that I need to go on. I am an 8 elected official. I was elected by the City of 9 Roanoke to represent them on the Blue Ridge Soil 10 and Water Conservation Board. And I'm not 11 representing the Board, I'm speaking as an 12 individual, but our Board did send the DEQ a 13 request back this past fall in support of 14 Franklin County's resolution and administrator 15 from Roanoke County asking the Mountain Valley 16 Pipeline to wait to shore up their erosion and 17 sediment controls and to delay working until we 18 return back to growing season. 19 Mountain Valley Pipeline ignored 20 The DEQ at that time didn't back that request. 21 us up when that happened, and it resulted in the 22 pollution of the headwaters of the endangered 23 Roanoke Log Perch. So our local experience with 24 the Mountain Valley Pipeline as well as with the 25 DEQ administration has been very disappointing in

protecting our natural resources.

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2 I also want to bring to the 3 attention of the Air Pollution Control Board and 4 encourage them to follow the example of the North 5 Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that delayed issuing the permit that was requested 6 7 down there, the water certification permit, until 8 they saw what happened with the main line at the Mountain Valley Pipeline. Because it currently 10 has at least seven lawsuits pending against them. 11 A shareholder alert is being investigated by the 12 Federal government, the U.S. Attorney's Office, 13 for criminal offenses violating the Clean Water 14 Act.

Another thing that needs to be considered is Mountain Valley Pipeline just recently moved to condemn land associated with this compressor station, which would be a travesty for those property owners, especially since it's not likely that the pipeline will be completed. It will probably go the same, the same route as the Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

Because there is no market, there is no economic necessity for this pipeline. It's not going to Virginians, it's going down to North Carolina.

Mountain Valley Pipeline DEQ Hearing February 8, 2021 VR # 17126-1 It's where, for this compressor station is for 1 Southgate going down to North Carolina, so that 2 3 was very misleading what the gas industry said 4 about bringing gas to Virginia. That's not true, 5 that's not the case. And the fact of having such a 6 7 terrible record when it comes, just up and down the line from pollution of our waters where 8 9 there's endangered species to ripping off their 10 shareholders to committing, just constantly 11 giving evidence to groups to win lawsuits against 12 So I really implore the Air Pollution them. 13 Control Board to deny the request for the permit 14 at this time to see what happens with it. 15 respectful of the land owners that are there. To 16 put them through all that stress of having their 17 land condemned for naught, would just be 18 terrible. Transco provides enough gas for North 19 Carolina. They don't need this gas and it's a 20

travesty that it's come this far. I really appreciate your time today and I'll be following up with some written comments by the end of the comment period, March 10th. Thank you so much.

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MR. JENKINS: Okay, thank you for your comments. All right, the next person we

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MR. ROSS: Good evening, my name is Bryden Ross and I'm the vice president of State Affairs for Consumer Energy Alliance. speaking tonight on behalf of CEA and its diverse group of men and women from various industries including labor, manufacturing, small business, and conservation in support of MVP Southgate's application for an air permit. This proposed interstate natural gas transmission pipeline is needed to meet demonstrated public demand for natural gas that will serve families, communities, and businesses across Virginia and the region. We believe the project has satisfied the requirements established by Virginia DEQ to receive the air permit. The project team's application, the DEQ's analysis, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's final EIS concluded that this project would be built to high safety, environmental, and operational standards. We agree with these conclusions and appreciate the MVP Southgate's team efforts to co-locate a majority of this route along

existing rights of way as well as develop the

1 Lambert Compressor Station in a way that will pose no adverse impact on air quality near the 2 3 facility. Natural gas is a critical part of this 4 nation's current and future energy mix. Many 5 people don't know this, but wind and solar energy generation have a reliable and complementary 6 7 friend in natural gas. As an affordable and 8 abundant energy resource, natural gas serves as a 9 backup for generating electricity on days when 10 wind and solar resources are not available to 11 meet our needs. Natural gas is a cost effective 12 alternative to help meet domestic energy, 13 electricity, and home heating needs while also 14 reducing emissions and improving air quality. 15 Natural gas has helped America 16 lead all countries in emission reductions while 17 helping families, businesses, and manufacturers 18 achieve significant savings on energy related 19 expenses. Natural gas has saved Virginia 20 families and businesses over \$14 billion between 21 2008 and 2018 in lower energy costs. 22 savings are especially advantageous for people 23 living at or near the poverty line and those 24 living paycheck to paycheck, all of whom 25 regularly see a dangerously large percentage of

1 their income going towards energy expenses. Furthermore, an analysis has shown carbon 2 emissions have decreased substantially during the 3 4 past two decades in Virginia while natural gas 5 demand and use have grown across the country. 6 Natural gas emits about half of 7 the CO2 of coal and emits far less nitrogen, 8 oxide, sulfur dioxide, and volatile organic 9 compounds. In fact, from 1990 to 2016, 10 Virginia's growing economy and population 11 necessitated more than a tenfold increase in 12 natural gas consumption by the State's 13 electricity sector, yet its carbon emissions 14 declined by almost twenty percent over that same 15 time period. In other words, natural gas is both 16 an economic and environmentally responsible fuel 17 Approving MVP Southgate's air permit is 18 appropriate, necessary, and in the best interests 19 of Virginians. Thank you for the opportunity to 20 speak tonight. 21 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 22 comments. The next person we have on the list is 23 Chadwick Dotson. 24 MR. DOTSON: Good evening, thank 25 you for the opportunity to speak with you.

1 name is Chadwick Dotson. For nearly a decade and a half I was a judge in the 30th Judicial 2 3 Circuit, most recently in the Circuit Court in Wise County. Six months ago I left the bench to 4 5 take the position of dean of students and professor of law at Appalachia School of Law in 6 7 Grundy. I'm speaking tonight in my personal 8 capacity, not on behalf of the school. 9 I've lived my entire life in this 10 part of Virginia and my family has for 11 generations. And the need for economic 12 development right now cannot be overstated. Ιn 13 southwest and south side Virginia. 14 generations we've depended on the coal energy 15 industries, and now we're in desperate need of 16 outside the box thinking in order to maintain an 17 economy that will allow our children, including 18 my own two, to live here and prosper as I hope 19 that they can. There's no question in my mind 20 but that the Southgate project is poised to 21 create both short and long term economic benefits 22 for the region. 23 Importantly, the infrastructure 24 here is going to really be a significant tool in 25 giving the Blue Ridge region a leg up when trying

1 to recruit employers to the region. And the idea of hundreds of new jobs and, again, I like the 2 3 idea that we might be able to put some miners 4 back to work. But hundreds of new jobs and 5 millions in tax revenues, that can't be overstated, what a boost that would be. 6 7 want to say briefly, believe me when I say that I 8 don't take the environmental concerns lightly. 9 won't get into specifics, but during my judicial 10 career I became very familiar with Pittsylvania 11 County and specifically the particular 12 environmental concerns of the area. And I have 13 made rulings that ultimately protected the 14 Pittsylvania County environment, and 15 environmental concerns should always be taken 16 seriously. But here I truly believe the need for 17 economic development does far outweigh the 18 environmental concerns. 19 Natural gas obviously is a cleaner 20 fuel source than many we've used in our past. 21 It's certainly more affordable, which is another 22 benefit to having reliable access. And I am 23 aware of the measures being taken to ensure that 24 safety, that the measures that are taken are even 25 higher than that required by law. So there's a

reason why a majority of south side residents 1 approve this pipeline according to recent 2 3 It is important for the economic future polling. 4 of this region. MVP Southgate does appear to 5 satisfy the criteria for an air permit from my perspective, and I do respectfully request that 6 7 DEQ approve the permit. Thank you for the 8 opportunity to speak. 9 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 10 comments. Next on our list is Charles Miller. 11 FEMALE SPEAKER: Oh, good, okay. 12 Yeah, I was just going to say he is on the Board 13 of Supervisors. Charles, can you unmute yourself? I don't think his audio is working. 14 15 Will you please contact Kevin Vaughan at the 16 number on the screen and he can help you with your audio. And we'll come back to you. 17 18 MR. JENKINS: Yes, we'll come back 19 to you next and we'll go to the next on the list 20 is Christina Akly. Christina, can you hear me? 21 MS. AKLY: Yes. I can hear you. 22 MR. JENKINS: Just state your name 23 and what organization you're with, representing. 24 MS. AKLY: Thank you, good 25 evening. I'm Dr. Christina Akly and I would like

to thank DEO for organizing and hosting this 1 virtual public hearing tonight. 2 I work with Nexstar Energy, one of the primary partners in 3 4 the MVP Southgate project. I would like to 5 comment on the greenhouse gas and hothouse air pollutant emission from the proposed Lambert 6 7 Compressor Station tonight. Our compressor 8 station application has considered all of the 9 potential cumulative effects related to our 10 emissions, including the existing transfer 11 stations and other emissions facilities. 12 results from this study showed that the operation 13 of the Lambert Compressor Station would not 14 adversely impact the community surrounding the 15 station. In fact, after the construction of the 16 Lambert Compressor Station and the ongoing 17 modifications the Transco Station 165, the 18 combined maximum emissions from Lambert and 19 Transco together will be actually lower than what 20 was previously permitted for Transco alone. 21 The Lambert Station is a state of 22 the art facility and there are many technologies 23 that have been included in the design of the 24 facility with the purpose of minimizing 25 greenhouse gases and hazardous air pollutants



during its operation. The site is proposing to do startups and shutdowns that amount to only thirty-five hours over the course of a full year, which is less than half a percent, that is 0.5 percent of the time that the units will be operating if they ran nonstop. These activities will be heavily controlled as well.

The system design includes many specific controls for these types of emissions, such as pressure at hold, event gas recovery system, and plug valves. These controls prevent the unit from releasing gas during blow down and vented activities that would otherwise be released to the atmosphere. They help capture and reuse the gas and lower the pressure in the system to minimize releases. The blow valves are used during emergency shutdown tests that are required for safety and ensure that no gas is released during this test.

In addition to these controls, our side will inspect it daily to ensure operation integrity and regularly using a camera or similarly approved leak detection equipment to ensure that there are no leaks in any of the piping and components in the compressor station.

1 These measures far exceed what is typically 2 required for a facility of this nature and we are 3 committed to raising the bar for cleaner energy 4 and related infrastructure. Overall, the control 5 technologies included in this compressor station design are blowing venting event will result in 6 7 approximately seventy-five percent reduction of 8 emissions of greenhouse gases measure of carbon 9 dioxide equivalent and hazardous pollutants such 10 I want to thank you for the chance to as hexane. provide comments tonight and will look forward to 11 12 the approval of this permit. 13 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 14 comments. Next on the list is Crystal Cavalier. 15 MS. CAVALIER: Hey, can you hear 16 me? 17 MR. JENKINS: Yes, we can. 18 MS. CAVALIER: Hi, my name is 19 Crystal Cavalier. I am the founder, well, co-20 founder of Yasaw [phonetic] Indigenous Gardens. 21 I'm an indigenous water protector. I live forty-22 five minutes south of the compressor station in 23 Pleasant Grove, North Carolina. I have family 24 that lives in the affected area. I do want to 25 remind Virginia, the State and local governments,



the history that Virginia was founded on. It was founded on stolen lands by the way of the Virginia Company of London.

You know, there's no public demand for fracked gas in West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina. It is ultimately going to affect me here in Alamance County. It is only capitalistic greed of corporations. I do want to remind people who are listening that we have been assimilated into these mentalities that we're fighting against this pipeline corporation that do not value people, animals, plants, land, or the earth.

I do want to say that we need to protect the natural resources. I remember going to that Chatham area when I was a child with my family. We would, you know, go and visit the rivers up there. I do want to say that anything that goes up into the air, it does come down and it affects our groundwater, just like the Jones farm that spoke earlier. We have enough pipelines coming through Virginia and North Carolina and I just would like to say that I hope that DEQ denies this permit. And thank you so much for letting me speak.

1 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 2 Next on our list is Daniel Lambert. comments. 3 Daniel, we'll unmute you in a second. All right, 4 Daniel, can you hear me? Daniel? 5 FEMALE SPEAKER: Daniel, you 6 appear to be unmuted, so you can speak. All 7 right, Paul, we can come back to him. 8 MR. JENKINS: Okay. We will move 9 along to Doug Mace. Doug, if you're ready to 10 talk we'll unmute you in a second. 11 FEMALE SPEAKER: He needs to 12 unmute his microphone. There you go. 13 MR. MACE: Okay, you can hear me? 14 MR. JENKINS: Yes, thank you. 15 MR. MACE: Good evening and thanks for the opportunity to speak today. 16 I'm Doug 17 Mace, principal compression and facility engineer 18 with Equitrans Midstream. And I'm the lead 19 engineer for the design of the proposed Lambert 20 Compressor Station. This is a plan for the large 21 compressor station that I've worked on in my 22 career and I can tell you it's the most 23 technologically advanced station in terms of 24 environmental controls that I've worked on or 25 have encountered. And I've been doing this for

over twenty-four years.

As the DEQ's analysis shows, the Lambert Station is expected to have no adverse impacts on air quality in the surrounding area. This is a minor source permit application and our team has incorporated measures that go above and beyond permitting requirements. A few examples, the controls that we've adopted for the Lambert Station will reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides to levels that are nearly half of what other permitted turbine compressor station facilities emit. To start, the compressor driver is a turbine engine. Turbines are inherently low emission and that is by design.

The Lambert Station includes both oxidation and selective catalytic reduction technologies. Other facilities typically have only an oxidation catalyst or no catalyst at all. These catalysts are similar to the catalytic converters on our cars. Remember how cars used to smoke and smell before catalytic converters were added? Because of these technologies, modern cars don't do that anymore.

In addition, we have proposed technology to continuously monitor the exhaust

emissions produced by the turbine drive and the compressor. This station also has been designed to include vent gas recovery technologies which will reclaim natural gas in the compressor before shutdown. This gas is typically lost in environment facilities. We've also incorporated other features where possible such as emergency shutdown test block valves. These valves allow us to test the emergency shutdown systems to prevent an annual venting of methane typical of most other facilities.

The public should know these measures are far and above what is required by law. We have incorporated these technologies and other state of the art emission controls because we are committed to building a new generation of environmentally friendly and responsible facilities. Natural gas is an affordable and cleaner fuel source and we're working very hard to make sure people have safe and reliable access to it. I appreciate the chance to work on this project and hope it receives its permit. Thanks for your time tonight.

MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your comments. All right, we'll go back to Daniel



1 Lambert. If you are able to, ready to talk now. 2 FEMALE SPEAKER: Daniel, you can 3 unmute your mic. Okay, you're unmuted. Daniel, 4 you may want to go, let me help him just a 5 second. You may want to go to the audio control panel, Daniel, and switch to the phone. Click on 6 7 phone instead and dial the number, the access code, and the PIN number. The PIN number is 8 9 important. So why don't you try that and we'll 10 come back. 11 MR. JENKINS: All right, we'll 12 move along to Elle De La Cancela. 13 MS. DE LA CANCELA: Hi, can you 14 all hear me? 15 MR. JENKINS: Yes, we can. 16 MS. DE LA CANCELA: Excellent, 17 thank you so much. Hi, my name is Elle De La 18 Cancela. I represent the Chesapeake Climate 19 Action Network which has about twenty-seven 20 thousand members in the Commonwealth of Virginia, 21 including members in Pittsylvania County. On 22 their behalf I am requesting that the draft air 23 permit receives a full public hearing before the 24 Air Pollution Control Board because I believe 25 that with further review and further input from

the community that it will be clear that the permit should be denied, that the proposed compressor station shouldn't be built, and that the Southgate extension project as well as the main line should be canceled in their entirety.

I wanted to echo some of the statements made by Ms. Cathcart. Basically that it's, it's bizarre that across state lines are determining the validity of an entire project. And given kind of the trouble that main line is currently facing, it seems like jumping the gun to, you know, approve permits for this, for the same project that's reaching denials and over, and like greatly exceeding kind of regulations in other, in other spaces. We don't want to give a license to pollute on a new one when they're paying off other ones that are currently, that they're currently facing.

I think for me the most kind of unfortunate part of this process is timing. It, I understand that the project has been in the works for a while, but given the current state of affairs and the broadband desert that a lot of the area is in, we, like these, starting to get the ball moving in this way is really severely

1 narrowing the folks that have access, the folks that are able to comment on this because it is 2 3 all online for Covid reasons. I also, I want to 4 talk a little bit about the different merits of 5 the permit itself. I do recognize that I don't have that much time, so I'm just going to kind of 6 7 speak in broader strokes, but expect my written 8 comments soon.

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But I firstly want to kind of be talking about cumulative impact and is it best practice to put another compressor station next to an existing one so that all of these hazardous air pollutants are magnified to affect this certain community even more direly? This area is already burdened by two other compressor stations as well as being economically depressed. are, I'm wondering sort of what other options were considered in terms of location and technology. Taking a review of Dr. Lawrence's [phonetic] EJ report, it's been identified as a freedman's community. So I would like to see kind of what other areas would even be considered. And in the same vein, Dr. Lawrence, when she was kind of doing her research identified, oh, I quess that's my time.

identified four different EJ communities and then 1 MVP kind of narrowed and obscured it into there 2 3 were none, added a mile radius as opposed to the 4 three and a half mile radius that she suggested. 5 But thank you so much for your time and I look forward to a future denial. 6 Thank you. 7 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your So we will go back to Charles Miller 8 comments. 9 with the Pittsylvania County Board of 10 Supervisors. Charles. 11 MR. MILLER: Yes. Can you hear? 12 MR. JENKINS: Yes, we can. 13 MR. MILLER: Thank you very much. 14 Good evening. Thank you for the opportunity to 15 speak tonight. I am Dr. Charles H. Miller, Jr., 16 and I serve on the Pittsylvania County Board of 17 Supervisors and I represent the Bannister 18 District. And I would also like to add I am the 19 single African-American member of the Board of 20 Supervisors. And I am calling for the purpose of 21 speaking in regards to the Lambert Compressor 22 Station which is proposed in the Bannister 23 District. I am speaking in support of the MVP 24 Southgate application for an air permit. 25 this is a good project for our county and I

1 believe it ought to be built.

2 The project is going to generate 3 new tax revenue, a little bit more than \$1 4 million annually for the county. And we will be 5 able to put it to good use for services that benefit Pittsylvania County and its citizens. 6 7 Mountain Valley has done a good job of designing the station so that it will have no adverse 8 9 impacts on air quality. That conclusion is right 10 for the public notice of the air permit. 11 pipeline's route, which goes alongside the 12 Transco Pipeline could benefit the megasite that 13 we have in the county called Berry Hill. 14 could help us recruit large employers to the 15 county. 16 Mountain Valley's site for the 17 proposed Lambert Compressor Station is a very 18 good fit. It is right near the Transco 19 Compressor Station which has been there for over 20 fifty years and it is a reasonable distance from 21 any homes. I know that environmental justice

22 and, let me say that again. I know environmental 23 justice is an increasingly important issue and I

24 personally agree. I also desire to point out

25 that the MVP Southgate station is a good example



of a project that actually considers
environmental justice. This station is in the
area of the county that has a relatively low
minority population and there is no targeting of
historically disadvantaged groups.

Mountain Valley has been extremely proactive in communicating to me and others in the county about this project. There have been ads in Danville and Chatham papers and they've also posted on the Internet. They have sent letters to everyone within a mile and a half of the facility to make sure that everyone is familiar with the matter. There is no good reason to deny this project and every reason to support it. I hope that Mountain Valley receives its permit and can move forward quickly to build this project.

And my last comment will be this of a personal nature. I'm sixty-eight years old and I grew up in the Mount Airy community which is a little northeast of the project. And for the first sixteen years of my life I grew up within three miles to the west of the pipeline crossing Route 40 and within two miles to the northwest in the community of Rehan [phonetic].

And to make it very quick, as I said, my life for 1 the first sixteen years were in direct proximity 2 3 of the pipeline, the Transco pipeline. And all 4 of my life there has been not one single incident 5 of any kind regarding the pipeline and the product that passes through the pipeline. 6 7 will actually, my wife and I both have numbers of relatives who live in proximity of the pipeline 8 9 and even right now there are relatives which, who 10 own multiple thousand dollars' worth of real 11 estate and homes within two hundred yards of the 12 pipeline. And so as I close, and thank you again 13 for the opportunity to speak, I believe that the 14 pipeline will be a very positive development for 15 our district and our county. Thank you very much 16 for the opportunity to have spoken. 17 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 18 comments. Next on our list is Geoffrey Cox. 19 FEMALE SPEAKER: Geoffrey, you 20 need to unmute your mic. 21 MR. JENKINS: Geoffrey, can you 22 hear me? 23 FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes, we can. Oh, 24 no, I thought he was talking. 25 MR. JENKINS: That's all right, it

1 was me. 2 FEMALE SPEAKER: Geoffrey. No, he 3 muted his mic. Whoever is typing, if you could 4 mute your mic we'd appreciate it. Thank you. 5 MR. JENKINS: All right, we can move on to, hello? We will move on to Gretchen 6 7 Clark. 8 MS. CLARK: Hello, can you hear 9 me? 10 MR. JENKINS: Yes. 11 MS. CLARK: Okay. Hi, my name is 12 Gretchen Clark. I'm a civil engineer here in 13 Pittsylvania County. I'm speaking as a citizen 14 because I'm not at all involved in the design of 15 this project or any part of it. But I have lived 16 here almost my entire life and I want to speak in 17 favor of the project. I want to echo the 18 benefits that the public officials have already 19 stated. You all have all those facts and figures 20 and know that the tax revenue is important. 21 I want to speak about economic development. 22 as a community, we work very, very hard every day 23 to try to attract new industries to our area. 24 And having infrastructure like this pipeline and 25 this station are important pieces of our

1 infrastructure puzzle. It's important that we 2 stay competitive with our infrastructure when new businesses come and look at us or existing 3 4 businesses want to expand. And so I'd like to 5 urge DEQ to approve this application. MR. JENKINS: 6 All right, thank you 7 for your comments. Next on our list is Irene Leech. 8 9 MS. LEECH: Thank you. I'm Irene 10 Leech and I am a landowner who has dealt with the 11 Atlantic Coast Pipeline. With my family farm 12 very close to the compressor station that was 13 planned for that pipeline and through that 14 process I've learned a lot. Citizens have to 15 take a lot of responsibility because we have a 16 system that lets the industry pretty much set the 17 standards for things and lets them decide when we 18 get safety and when we don't. 19 When, and I've learned that they 20 promise all kinds of things but then as you go 21 along things change. And they ask for variances. 22 And you find that protections that they told you 23 you were going to get, that you're not able to 24 We have a system that doesn't require any 25 infrastructure to meet new standards and so when

we talk about this, you know, the standards that this particular project will meet, of course they're going to be higher than the one from fifty years ago. And it makes no sense that we don't look cumulatively at all of the infrastructure that's there.

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We have a bad habit of not measuring things and then acting like they don't And for example we don't measure how much methane escapes. We really do not measure the health impacts and as a result what happens is that people do what I'm hearing tonight and sacrifice the people who are closest. I believe we had landowners who are affected by this who were speaking of it going on their land and they were not supportive of it. And everybody else seems to think it's just fine to put it on their property. And while the applicant acknowledges that there's some noise which is a far improvement from what I heard before, what I've heard about people who really live with these things is that it's much worse.

I'm also concerned that we can't count on the safety standards to be diligently enforced. What we've learned as we've lived

upline of that pipeline with, I also have the 1 2 unlucky situation of being within the evacuation 3 zone of the Mountain Valley Pipeline where it 4 comes through Montgomery County. And the 5 problems with that are numerous and it's big... 6 MR. JENKINS: All right, thank you 7 for your comments. Next on our list is Jessica 8 Sims. 9 MS. SIMS: Hey, can you all hear 10 me? 11 MR. JENKINS: Yes, we can. 12 MS. SIMS: Thanks. Good evening, 13 my name is Jessica Sims and I reside in Henrico 14 County. I'm speaking tonight in my personal 15 capacity as someone who has friends and loved 16 ones in Pittsylvania County. I have serious 17 concerns about the emission impacts from the 18 proposed Lambert Compressor Station, specifically 19 owing to its proposed location adjacent to 20 existing stations and the process and timing of 21 this application. I ask that you please bring 22 this permit in front of the full Air Pollution 23 Control Board and reconsider the timeline of 24 reviewing what may be an incomplete application. 25 The permitting process for MVP

1 Southgate cannot exist in a silo, separate from the MVP main line. MVP's ongoing machinations 2 3 are in pursuit of a ruinous, destructive project 4 which remains mired in litigation over Federal 5 authorizations, is \$3 billion over budget, and is barely halfway complete to full restoration after 6 7 three years. And even less complete if only 8 considering the Virginia portion of the route. Ι 9 will mention, too, that Next Era, who had a 10 representative speak this evening, just took a \$1 11 billion loss on MVP main line. The completion 12 rates of construction that are listed in the 13 permit are inflated and inaccurate. 14

At the January 7th information session from DEQ, it was acknowledged by a DEQ staff member that maybe this permit process should not be moving forward. This was in response to a question regarding the uncertainty of the main line and North Carolina's recent denial of the water permit. I disagree with the County Board members' assertion that all stakeholders have been involved in the process or that MVP is acting in a transparent manner.

MVP's investments in local emergency services should not entitle MVP to pollute the county.

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Claiming that air quality will not be impacted and that there will be no noise impacts does not comport with the reality of how a fracked gas compressor station works.

It's not DEQ's responsibility to consider the economic impacts of a project or an inaccurate revisionist version of which communities would be impacted. DEQ is to consider the air permit and the impacts of potential emissions. We are considering impacts from what is more appropriately called fracked It's not natural to emit toxic gas, not natural. chemicals into the air. Emissions are not environmental preferable. And this is about methane emissions, not carbon. So claiming something is safe because it emits less carbon while spewing a different and dangerous greenhouse gas doesn't cut it. Investment in the county and its residents should not come at the cost of the health and environment of the county. I ask that with the ongoing uncertainty of the main line and with the reality that sufficient outreach to impacted communities from DEQ did not occur early enough in the process or broadly enough as communicated today, with these impacts

1 please press pause on the process because the 2 information presented is not accurate. Bring it to the full Board, pause the application, or deny 3 4 the permit. Thank you for your time. 5 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 6 So next on our list is John Harris. comments. 7 MR. HARRIS: Can you hear me? 8 JENKINS: Yes, we can, John. 9 MR. HARRIS: My name is John 10 I live in Pittsylvania County in the 11 Bannister District. I live about a mile and a half as the crow flies from the compressor 12 13 station. I'm a member of the Chatham First. 14 a member of the Chatham Rotary. I'm also the 15 executive director of the Old Dominion 16 Agricultural Foundation and I am not speaking for 17 any of those, I am speaking for myself in favor 18 and in support of the Lambert Compressor Station 19 permit. I believe that the Mountain Valley 20 Pipeline folks have been an exceptional partner 21 here for us. They have been a great community 22 partner, they've supported many of our events, 23 many of our organizations, our Boys and Girls 24 I'm not talking just about an economic Club. 25 impact, but I'm talking about true friends.

1 We have a small farm here only 2 about a mile and a half from the station. 3 sell a farm to table beef product here at our 4 farm and often on a Friday afternoon we have many 5 employees from the pipeline, Transco, those guys 6 come down and buy beef right here from my son who 7 has his beef products here. And I have not 8 personally witnessed all this destruction to our 9 community that I've heard here tonight. 10 actually seen these people as friends and 11 neighbors, and I believe supporting this pipeline 12 and supporting this compressor station is 13 important for our community. And I would thank 14 you for your time and I would like to go in as in 15 support of the pipeline, of the compressor 16 station, Lambert Compressor Station permit. 17 Thank you. 18 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 19 comments. 20 FEMALE SPEAKER: Paul, we can go 21 back to Geoffrey Cox. I believe he has his audio 22 fixed. 23 MR. JENKINS: Okay. All right, 24 Geoffrey. 25 MR. COX: All right, can you all

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MR. JENKINS: Yes, we can.

MR. COX: All right, thanks for bearing with me, with the technical issues, and thanks for giving me a chance to speak. wanted to join my voice today with the many others on this call that want to speak against permitting the compressor station. So I'm currently in Nelson County, but I grew up spending a lot of my time in the Danville and Chatham area, so I'm very familiar with that And to be honest, listening to folks area. share, I'm really surprised by the amount of confidence in a project that's related to a pipeline that is fraught with so many issues. Ιt is three years behind schedule, double its original budget, and at risk of never being completed.

So from what I've read, Mountain
Valley Pipeline has already had to pay millions
of dollars in penalties for over three hundred
and fifty identified violations of common sense
environmental protections. So we certainly
should not let them take on another project. As
others have said, there's no demand that I'm

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aware of for fracked gas in the county or surrounding counties. And any future increase in demand can and should be met with renewable energy. I really hear, and mostly the only reason to build it, what I'm hearing is the economic challenges that are being faced with and the benefits of job growth and the revenue And I think those are really important creation.

10 things. I'm also aware that on average there's 11 research showing that renewable energy jobs

12 create at least twice as many jobs or a million

14 least twice as many jobs as that in fossil fuels.

dollars invested in renewal energy creates at

15 And, yeah, I appreciate the technological 16 advances in safety and emissions reduction, but

17 really it's moving us in the wrong direction for

18 a pipeline that might never be created.

And, you know, the local pollution, the use of imminent domain for a private sector gain, and the fact that four environmental justice communities have been identified within three to five miles of the site make this not only a safety and health issue but also a civil rights issue. So I think from

1 listening in tonight, the questions and points 2 raised by those speaking against the permit with 3 intimate local knowledge of the project and deep 4 inside familiarity well beyond what I have, what 5 has been raised has not been sufficiently addressed in any way. So I stand with all those 6 7 who cannot be at this meeting or didn't know it 8 was happening and to request that you deny this 9 permit to a dirty project that is fraught with 10 logistical, environmental, and civil rights 11 issues. So we request that you deny this project 12 that is moving us in the wrong direction that we 13 need to go to sustain a sustainable energy future 14 for Virginia and combat climate change and 15 support climate justice. Thank you very much. 16 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 17 Next on our list is Jolene Mafnas. comments. 18 MS. MAFNAS: Hi, can you guys hear 19 me? 20 MR. JENKINS: Yes. 21 MS. MAFNAS: Great, thank you. So 22 my name is Jolene Mafnas. I am the Virginia 23 organizer for Food and Water Watch. FWW has 24 around twenty-eight thousand members in Virginia 25 and is a national climate organization that



points for a livable climate, clean air, and water. On behalf of FWW I urge you to deny the Lambert Compressor Station's permit that would allow the facility to emit dangerous pollutants in nearby communities. The areas closest to the station have been designated as environmental justice communities and are already experiencing the detrimental impacts from the existing Transco Compressor Station.

These facilities are notorious for emitting particulate matter, benzene, formaldehyde, and nitrous oxide, which can result in negative health effects like asthma, heart attacks, and sometimes cancer. The Lambert Compressor Station would increase particulate matter pollution by almost thirty percent and the Virginia DEQ notes in its draft review that Lambert's emission of fine particulate matter exceeds the respective permitting thresholds.

Another thing to note is according to a 2017 health equity report from the Health Collaborative, an organization dedicated to improving the health of the Dan River area, the Danville Health District has an increased incidence of asthma compared to the rest of the

state. This district also has an increased incidence of asthma-related hospitalizations compared to the rest of the state as well as Pittsylvania County at large. These numbers demonstrate how these environmental justice communities are already struggling with diseases related to compressor station pollutants at a higher rate than other areas in the state and even in its own county.

Additionally, this compressor station would put the community at an increased risk of a dangerous explosion. Considering that the main line MVP's construction has been delayed for more than three years and is millions over budget, MVP may soon be a stranded exit.

Therefore, approving this permit before the main line is even complete will only put a community in harm's way for a project that has a high chance of failing.

On top of that, MVP has already violated water, erosion, and other environmental standards and has been fined millions of dollars for these violations. Therefore, they should not be allowed to wreak havoc in another community with its malpractice. On top of that, compressor

1 stations and other fracked gas infrastructure 2 contributes to the climate crisis. I know many 3 have referenced the lower standards of carbon 4 emissions, but in fact an Environment and Energy 5 Publishing article reported in May 2020 that Virginia had higher carbon emissions in 2019 than 6 7 in 2009, according to EPA data. Despite coal 8 fuel being used in about forty-three percent of 9 the state's power back in 2008 to less than ten 10 percent in 2019, this demonstrates that this 11 increase of carbon emissions can only be 12 contributed to the increased buildout of fracked 13 gas infrastructure that is happening in our 14 For these reasons and more, FWW strongly 15 opposes this permit and urges you to deny it. 16 Thank you. 17 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 18 comments. Next on our list is Joshua Vana. 19 MR. VANA: Hi, can you hear me? 20 Yes, we can, Josh. MR. JENKINS: 21 MR. VANA: Okay. I want to talk a 22 little bit about the process around this here 23 permit and I'm going to also submit some 24 technical comments later, mostly around air 25 quality. But the DEQ and the Board need to deny

1 this permit. It really should be put before the full Air Board for public hearing and go into 2 3 much deeper scrutiny for lots of reasons. Jolene 4 mentioned a number of these things, but what 5 really needs to be considered is the cumulative impact of this proposed compressor station in 6 7 combination with the compressor station facilities from Transco. 8 9 By itself we see this a lot with 10 DEQ segmentation, of course, of these types of 11 permits for air and water and a lack of 12 consideration for cumulative impact, but this may 13 seem like minor permit or station by itself. 14 on top of other facilities it's a real problem. 15 And, you know, I hear that the guy from EQT 16 talking a lot about, you know, catalytic 17 converters and how this same technology is great 18 at reducing emissions, but it fails to address 19 the elephant in the room, which is that there are 20 still pollutants. And, you know, just because 21 catalytic converters came around doesn't mean you 22 would sit next to a car's tailpipe with the 23 garage door closed. I wouldn't recommend it. 24 But, yeah, cumulative impact, 25 number one. The EJ screen process that's been



used for this, if it's anything like the process 1 that was used for the Buckingham Compressor 2 3 Station air permit in Union Hill, Virginia, that 4 was thrown out by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. If it's anything like that process, 5 it's totally insufficient and a box to be checked 6 7 and honestly a total joke. The DEQ and the Air 8 Board can start here by denying this and turning 9 their performance around in what has basically 10 been like a total failure to enforce the Clean Air Act, enforce the Clean Water Act, and protect 11 12 the air and water quality of Virginians in 13 regards to the Atlantic Coast and Mountain Valley 14 Pipelines. 15 You know, it's nice to hear from 16 all the people from VOGA and Consumer Energy 17 Alliance, Next Era, and all those, but I'm going

all the people from VOGA and Consumer Energy
Alliance, Next Era, and all those, but I'm going
to just bring up the same point that I brought as
I was being thrown out of the air permit hearing
for Buckingham Compressor Station in January two
years ago. Which is to the Board and to the DEQ,
commerce is not your job. This isn't about tax
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1 quality. And if the DEQ and the Board seriously 2 consider the cumulative impacts here and all of 3 the technical data around the air quality, then 4 they would have to deny this permit. 5 JENKINS: All right, thank you 6 for your comments. Next on our list is Katie 7 Whitehead. 8 MS. WHITEHEAD: Can you hear me? 9 JENKINS: Yes, we can. 10 MS. WHITEHEAD: I'm Katie 11 Whitehead, a native and resident of Pittsylvania 12 County. Regarding environmental justice, DEQ 13 Director Paylor [phonetic] stated last year, it's 14 clear that we haven't done as good a job as we 15 should have communicating with the public. 16 Granted it's a tough job, it's a job that 17 requires making the distinction between informing 18 people who are potentially affected by pollution 19 and shutting them up with facile reassurances or 20 money. You must distinguish between compensation 21 for people at risk of harm and money used to 22 influence the public officials who represent 23 them. 24 Here's just one example of the 25 messiness of this issue. Pittsylvania County has

a compressor station, has had a compressor 1 station emitting pollutants for sixty years. 2 3 Causing harm that's widespread, though hard to 4 quantify. The County has a had a monument to the 5 Confederate dead in front of our courthouse for a hundred and twenty years. Confederates who the 6 7 monument says died for truth and right. The harm 8 caused by this public monument and the ideas it 9 glorifies is also widespread and hard to 10 quantify. 11 As a counterbalance, the Bannister 12 District supervisor has proposed a private 13 memorial to honor three African-American men. 14 MVP's environmental justice consultant noted an 15 opportunity for Mountain Valley to initiate 16 outreach to members of the community by making a 17 donation in support of the proposed African-18 American leaders memorial. Do you see such a 19 donation as outreach and as compensation for 20 health risks? Building a memorial in Chatham

does not compensate descendants of slaves and others of us harmed by glorifying the Confederate cause. Nor would a donation compensate people exposed to compressor pollutants in the past or in the future.

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1 We should not resign ourselves to 2 the Confederate statue as simply history or 3 something that just is. Nor should we dismiss 4 harm done by now two existing compressor 5 stations. The Air Pollution Control Board should 6 evaluate the combined and cumulative harm from 7 compressor stations, existing and proposed, in 8 Pittsylvania County and determine whether a major 9 source permit should be required. One additional 10 Southgate gas is not intended for use in point. 11 Pittsylvania County or any place in Virginia. 12 Thank you. would all pass through. 13 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 14 comments. Next on our list is Kay Ferguson. 15 MS. FERGUSON: Yes, thank you. 16 I'm Kay Ferguson, I'm speaking for ARTivism 17 I'd like to say that this is not the Virginia. 18 right time to grant or even consider an air 19 permit for the proposed Lambert Compressor 20 Station. It's not the right time when the 21 Mountain Valley Pipeline and Mountain Valley 22 Southgate both lack key Federal and State permits 23 and are likely to never be completed. Permitting 24 Lambert now would be like building a bridge from 25 nowhere to nothing. It's not the right time,



Mountain Valley Pipeline DEQ Hearing February 8, 2021 VR # 17126-1 1 because once again the Virginia DEQ's process for public notification and public engagement has 2 been inadequate as MVP Southgate's own private 3 4 consultant noted in her report, a report which 5 MVP Southgate then misrepresented. It's not the right time because 6 7 despite court rulings and private consultant 8 studies which identified DEQ's normal process for 9 public engagement as environmentally unjust, 10 there has been no meaningful change and reform, a 11 lack the very existence of this permit clearly 12 It's not the right time when demonstrates.

lack the very existence of this permit clearly demonstrates. It's not the right time when public participation which must now be entirely virtual for an impacted community with limited broadband, therefore making a process already judged to be inadequate and unjust even more burdensome. It's not the right time when once again an adequate demographic and health survey has not been done for the directly impacted community.

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exacerbate. It's not the right time when the applicant has not chosen as the law demands the least polluting technology to power their proposed station. It's not the right time when granting of this permit would violate the new environmental justice legislation passed by the General Assembly in 2020. It's not the right time when both investments in and markets for fracked gas are collapsing and any new fossil fuel infrastructure is likely to create stranded assets, higher utility costs, and failed industry promises of local revenue, leaving a county like Pittsylvania without clean air or water and with reduced tax revenue from property values which have been destroyed because no one wants to live there.

And it is not the right time when the imperative facts of climate change insist that we must cease all use of fossil fuels as quickly as we can or perish. There's an old saying, pick your poison. But one thing must be true, we must cease to pick other people's poison and to believe for even one moment that continuing to try and place these horrible stations in rural, poor, and minority communities

1 is moral or even cruelly practical. We're all in 2 this together now and every person's backyard is 3 This permit should be denied. our own. 4 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 5 Next on our list is Leslie 6 Witherspoon. 7 MS. WITHERSPOON: Good evening. 8 Thank you for your time. My name is Leslie 9 Witherspoon. I am the environmental programs 10 manager with Solar Turbines. I am, I represent 11 the manufacturer of the combustion turbine that's 12 proposed for the Lambert Compressor Station. 13 manufacture industrial gas turbines, smaller 14 industrial gas turbines, in the one to twenty-two 15 megawatts or a thousand to thirty-two thousand 16 horsepower range. We have over fifteen thousand 17 units worldwide in over a hundred countries and a 18 large proportion of those are in the United 19 States. 20 The solar turbine proposed at the 21 Lambert Compressor Station has the DryloNOx, or 22 our tradename SoLoNOx technology on it. SoLoNOx 23 was first introduced in, commercially in 1992, so 24 about thirty years ago. And since that time we

have continually advanced the technology and

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today offer the Taurus 70 that is proposed for this project at nine PPM NOx, which is state of the art for this size and class of combustion turbine. To date we've sold over sixty, around sixty and have over forty more proposed, Taurus 70s, worldwide with this nine PPM technology. It is standard production on this unit. So we do have quite a bit of experience and data to show what a low emissions machine that it is for moving gas across the country and producing power.

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we've got around four hundred and fifty in the
pipe, well, I probably shouldn't say pipeline,
but in project status and one way from proposed
to operating around the world. Now this project
is proposed with add on control systems. The SCR
catalyst and the CO catalyst. And while they are
proposed on this project, they're actually not
very common in our size class because we are
smaller gas turbines and our emissions are state
of the art. Generally we don't trigger
thresholds, permitting thresholds, and those
types of technologies aren't overly common on our
size of equipment, though there are over a

hundred and thirty facilities around the world 1 2 that do have these control technologies. 3 Saying that, with these add on 4 control technologies and the levels that are in 5 the draft permit that I looked at least week, I can say that this is the most stringent permit 6 7 that I have ever seen on our equipment. It will be the most stringent permitted compressor 8 9 station in the world and it's definitely above 10 and beyond what is required by local, State, and Federal regulation. And I, that's it. So thank 11 12 you for the opportunity to speak. 13 MR. JENKINS: All right, thank you 14 for your comments. Next on our list is Lib 15 Hutchby. 16 FEMALE SPEAKER: Lib, you are 17 unmuted by us. You can unmute your mic now. 18 just muted yourself back again. Okay, Lib, you 19 can unmute your mic. Okay, let's come back to 20 Lib. 21 MR. JENKINS: All right, we'll 22 move on to Lynn Godfrey. Lynn are you ready to 23 speak? 24 MS. GODFREY: Thank you. This is 25 Lynn Godfrey. I'm with the Sierra Club, Virginia

1 chapter. I'm their community outreach coordinator for the pipelines projects and I 2 3 represent twenty thousand plus members across the 4 Commonwealth in addition to, and that includes Pittsylvania County. I'm here to oppose the 5 Mountain Valley Pipeline Lambert Compressor 6 7 Station to be built in Chatham. I'm here to 8 uplift the voices of the ones that the Andersons, 9 the Joneses represent and I do echo their 10 sentiments. It is in their, it's not in their backyard, it's in their front yard and they're 11 12 saying no. 13 And, you know, the Lambert 14 Compressor Station, echoing some of my colleagues 15 and comrades who have spoken earlier, the 16 compressor station would increase particulate 17 matter pollution in the area by thirty percent. 18 And I don't care how much mitigation you 19 contribute to that, there's no amount of 20 particulate matter that is safe. No amount is 21 safe. And increasing it by thirty percent would 22 be significant. You know, there have been four 23 environmental justice communities identified by 24 the consultant that MVP paid to do an independent 25 assessment. Dr. Alexa Lawrence.

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And I, my question, I know DEQ is not asking questions, answering questions tonight, but the question we would have, and that's one of the reasons we need to elevate this process to the full Air Pollution Control Board, is have you read what MVP presented to you in their revised September application and what the consultant has written? Because if you read that, the discrepancies are glaring. And I don't even know why we're moving forward with the permitting process. So the consultant has identified three to five, I mean four environmental justice communities within a three to five mile radius, and that has been the radius guideline that is industry wide accepted. That is the radius that the consultant did the assessment upon. is not the radius that MVP is presenting to you in their revised application. So therefore that discrepancy does exist. And also, DEQ's own admission as stated before is that the particulate matter 2.5 exceeds the respected 23 permitting threshold, so right there. have to ask ourselves, I mean, is this a

necessary project? You know, no. I mean,

1 analysts have estimated that domestic gas use is 2 not expected to rise. Currently it's been assessed at 180 billion cubic feet a day gas 3 4 line, pipeline capacity that currently exists. 5 So we don't need this gas pipe, 6 this infrastructure to poison the community. As 7 well as the State of Virginia has passed The Virginia Clean Economy 8 environmental laws. 9 Act is requiring one hundred percent renewable 10 energy by 2050. That's just thirty, twenty-nine 11 years away. Why would you build this monstrous 12 poisonous climate, contributor to climate change 13 when the regulations is calling for renewable 14 energy by 2050? We're calling for carbon 15 emitting plants, shutdowns by 2045. So I just, 16 I'm here to uplift the voice of the EJ community 17 and as well as the Joneses and others in the 18 community who do not want this poison in their 19 yard. Thank you. 20 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 21 comments. Next on our list is Madigan Weidner. 22 MS. WEIDNER: Hi, my name is 23 Madigan Weidner and I strongly oppose issuing a 24 permit for the Lambert Compressor Station. 25 believe there are numerous health and

environmental concerns that have not been 1 2 adequately addressed here. Like with the air 3 pollution that this compressor station would 4 In terms of health concerns, formaldehyde cause. 5 in the air can cause eye, nose, throat, skin irritation as well as breathing problems. 6 7 exacerbate symptoms and increase complications of 8 asthma and COPD. And, you know, benzene can reduce white blood cells which puts people at risk for leukemia. 10 11 I want to echo that this should be 12 put before the full Air Pollution Control Board 13 and that the main line is nowhere near completed. 14 I think there is no need to go forth with a 15 permit for this compressor station for a project 16 that is this uncertain. That, you know, years 17 behind schedule, billions over budget. 18 project that very well may never be completed. Ι 19 think the compressor station is dangerous and 20 unnecessary. Thank you. 21 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 22 comments. All right, next on our list, we'll go 23 to Mark Barker. 24 MR. BARKER: Hi, this is Mark. 25 MR. JENKINS: All right, Mark, if

you want to state your full name and what organization you're with, representing.

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MR. BARKER: Good evening, my name is Mark Barker. I'm on staff with the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League. I'm giving comments this evening on behalf of BREDL and our members in Pittsylvania County and Virginia. BREDL will submit additional comments before the public comment period ends. While we appreciate DEQ requiring additional pollution controls and measures on the compressor station, we request that this air permit be denied. This compressor station should not be treated as a standalone project when it is dependent upon the completion of both the MVP main line and the MVP Southgate projects. Both of those projects are having permitting issues, so it would be premature too approve this at this time.

Regarding condition nineteen in the draft permit, there needs to be an annual emissions limit for VACs for the microturbines. Regarding condition twenty, the annual emissions limit for carbon monoxide is fifty-eight percent more than allowed by the hourly emissions limit. And the VOCs is thirty-seven percent more.

1 Regarding condition twenty-one, the annual emissions limit for CO is sixty-nine percent more 2 than allowed by the hourly emissions limit and 3 4 VOCs is seventy-two percent more. 5 We should mention that in 6 conditions nineteen, twenty, and twenty-one other 7 pollutants, NOx, PM, SO2 are within five percent 8 of each other when comparing the hourly and 9 annual emissions, not the thirty-seven to 10 seventy-two percent difference as with CO and 11 VOCs. The annual emissions limits for CO and 12 VOCs need to be significantly less to make this a 13 meaningful limit. We also point out a 14 discrepancy in plotting the location on the EJ 15 screen tool. In the DEQ engineering analysis 16 memo, DEQ plotted the location of the compressor 17 station at the entrance of the Transco complex 18 instead of at the LCS facility which is a half a 19 mile away. This does affect the EJ screen 20 results. 21 Regarding air pollution, just 22 because the EPA and DEQ regulations deem no 23 adverse impacts does not mean no health impacts. 24 These are just the standards that are allowed to 25 be in place at this time. Hardly a week goes by

1 without new research proving negative health impacts from various pollutants at even small 2 3 I really don't want to breathe any of 4 these toxins. And while we do appreciate DEQ's 5 efforts which have added these pollution controls reducing some emissions, other pollutants 6 7 increase with the latest application. Sulfur 8 dioxide, particulate matter, and greenhouse gases 9 all slightly increase. Thank you for this 10 opportunity to comment. 11 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 12 comments. I want to go back to Lib Hutchby. 13 You're unmuted. 14 FEMALE SPEAKER: Lib, you're 15 unmuted, you can unmute your mic. There's 16 actually two Lib, well, one of them left, so. 17 MR. JENKINS: All right. FEMALE SPEAKER: Wait a minute. 18 19 Okay, let's come back. 20 MR. JENKINS: Okay, so next on our 21 list is Michael James-Deramo. 22 MR. JAMES-DERAMO: Hi, my name is 23 I grew up in Blacksburg, Virginia, Michael. 24 where I was able to witness some of MVP's 25 environmental degradation. I resonate with a lot

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of the comments submitted by the opposition and have reviewed the permit and believe it should be As you know, this compressor station denied. would emit more volatile organic compounds like formaldehyde and benzene, which are considered unsafe at any level by the World Health Organization. A study by the Institute for Health and the Environment stated that the number of people impacted by air pollution from natural gas compressor stations is often significantly larger than generally recognized, with chemicals often traced from compressor stations over ten miles away. The study found that 1.6 million people in the state of New York or one out of eight people have been exposed to as much as twenty-five pounds of air pollution over the seven years that they did the study and found a high statistical likelihood of health impacts as these compounds were deemed to be unsafe at any level and are known carcinogens with links to cancer, birth defects, and reproductive defects. A study of environmental health 23 perspectives found that children whose mothers live within ten miles of natural gas compressor 25 stations were more likely to be born with

1 congenital heart defects and neural tube defects. 2 These of course were compressor stations that 3 were considered the state of the art at the time. 4 A study by the New York Department of 5 Environmental Conservation found that more than forty percent of air samples from the compressor 6 7 stations exceeded Federal regulations. Another 8 study published by Greg P. Macy echoed these 9 findings, finding excesses as much as ten 10 thousand fold. These major exceedances again 11 were for formaldehyde, hydrogen sulfite, benzene, 12 and other volatiles for which there is no safe 13 level. 14 Now it's important to note that 15 MVP already has a poor record following their own 16 environment's regulations as seen by ongoing 17 violations in Virginia and North Carolina. 18 have no reason to suspect the Mountain Valley 19 Pipeline would not continue this trend of 20 malfeasance. Now many speakers have brought up 21 pollution and health concerns, environmental 22 justice concerns, and procedural concerns. 23 years ago the DEQ and airport unanimously 24 approved the Buckingham Compressor Station, 25 ignoring many similar points. This permit was

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later vacated, revealing that this body did not require proper steps to be taken by the applicant. This resulted in a blow to public trust. Now this is an opportunity for the DEQ to regain that public trust and hold MVP accountable.

Do you make your decisions based on regulations that are consistently influenced by fossil fuel lobbyists? These inadequate regulations do not dictate the highest level of protection that you are allowed to initiate. Please take into account the full picture. Take into account that Mountain Valley Pipeline's lack of other permits and history of violations. into account that they rush forward to build in every area that they knew their permits would be appealed and used that construction process to push the narrative in court that it was too late. If they are granted this permit, they will continue to use these tactics to bully their way through communities and they will continue to violate regulations. So please finally take into account our climate. At a time when we need to be rapidly decreasing our emissions, this facility would increase methane emissions, which

1 as noted is up to eighty times more potent of a greenhouse gas than CO2. So again, natural gas 2 3 is not a clean alternative to coal. So thank you 4 for hearing my comment. Please deny this permit. 5 Thank you. 6 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 7 comments. 8 FEMALE SPEAKER: Paul, do you want 9 to go back to Lib again? 10 MR. JENKINS: Yes, we can try 11 that. Lib? 12 MS. HUTCHBY: Can you hear me now? 13 MR. JENKINS: Yes, we can. 14 MS. HUTCHBY: Good morning. I'm 15 in Orange County, North Carolina. I once lived 16 in Virginia for ten years. It's a beautiful 17 place to be. And I really hope that the DEQ will 18 do their job of protecting all of the people in 19 Virginia and North Carolina and refuse this 20 permit. Methane is a poison. You know that. 21 You know that when the photographs are taken with 22 these very expensive cameras that you can 23 actually see from the compressor station the 24 emissions that are poisoning the community. 25 urge you to think carefully about what you are

1 doing as humans who have the opportunity to choose what is moral and what is not. To choose 2 3 the future for clean air and clean water and know 4 that in fact what does go up will come down. 5 I am sure that you do not want your food poisoned. Thank you for the opportunity to speak 6 7 and I really hope that this permit will be denied. 8 9 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 10 Next on our list is Nicholas Morris, comments. 11 if you're ready to talk. 12 MR. MORRIS: Hello, can you hear 13 me? 14 MR. JENKINS: Yes. 15 MR. MORRIS: Good evening. Thank 16 you very much for allowing me to speak along with 17 all the other voices tonight. My name is 18 Nicholas Morris. I'm a property owner in 19 Pittsylvania County, three miles as the crow 20 flies from the compressor station. I have ninety 21 plus acres in agriculture and conservation. I'm 22 also the president of the Chatham Rotary Club and 23 a Veteran, honorably discharged after thirty-two 24 years in the military. I bring that up only 25 because I'm speaking as an individual for myself

1 who has ties to the community, interest in our advancement, the conservation of our environment, 2 and understanding of an economic impact across 3 4 both county, state, and national lines. 5 I am in full support of the 6 permitting for the Lambert Compressor Station. 7 have little to no fears of the pollution. 8 there's always an opportunity, as you look 9 through the specifics that have been presented by 10 both industry of the creation of the parts of the 11 compressor station, from filters to engines and 12 the permitting process for DEQ, I have full 13 confidence that the land will be taken care of 14 and the safety measures will all be met. MVP has 15 been a fantastic partner in the community. And 16 while some have alluded that this is just buying 17 favoritism, it is about involvement. There are 18 very few groups who are complaining about this 19 pipeline who have come down and invested in our 20 community, in our county, in our area. Mountain 21 Valley has done that along with the efforts to 22 present a very safe and economically just system 23 for us. 24 As a retired military Veteran, I 25 fully understand the importance of energy



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1 Hey, Paul, I just want to thank you and the DEQ for listening to public comments this evening. 2 My name is Ridge Graham and I am giving my 3 4 comments on behalf of Appalachian Voices. 5 regional organization, environmental organization with membership in Pittsylvania County. 6 7 with many of the comments and environmental 8 concerns that have been raised by other community 9 members, citizens, and representatives thus far. 10 And Virginia DEQ should find that the proposed 11 location for the Lambert Compressor Station for 12 the Southgate extension is unsuitable. 13 MVP would like to construct his 14 compressor station because they believe that the 15 co-locating near the existing Transco Compressor 16 Station and mixing their emissions would be 17 negligible to the health of the nearby community 18 and the environment. However, it is this 19 combination that would for carbon monoxide, 20 nitrous oxides, and volatile organic compounds be 21 over the threshold for a major source Title 5 22 facility under the Clean Air Act if you were to 23 examine the impacts on air pollution. 24 minor source that MVP is applying for. 25 The statement by the gentleman



from the Board of Supervisors at the beginning of the hearing that this would not impact the nearby community's air quality is untrue. The station would increase the amount of particulate matter by almost thirty percent over backbone emissions and going by the hazardous air pollutant emissions listed in the environmental impact statement since only quantitative information for formaldehyde is listed in this air permit, this compressor station would exceed twenty-five tons per year when examining cumulative impacts, which would also require a Title 5 major source air permit.

These air pollutants such as formaldehyde and benzene in addition to the particulate matter could increase the frequency and severity of adverse health effects such as asthma and COPD and could potentially lead to tumor formations in individuals and put this community at higher risk for leukemia. The MVP Southgate Extension is not needed to meet demands for natural gas in North Carolina and this project would not provide any increases in natural gas supply or demand in this community or in the region that is now already met by existing

infrastructure. There is no intention to provide
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The extension was denied for its water permit in North Carolina and the mainline project has yet to apply for its water permit in Virginia or West Virginia. It has also been denied for recent amendments to its certificate by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Approval of this compressor station is not acceptable when the possibility that the main line or the extension is such in an uncertain position and gas may never flow through either of This permit should be brought to the Air Pollution Control Board, paused until MVP can resolve their outstanding permit issues, or outright denied by the department. Thank you very much.

MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your comments. Next on our list is Robert McNutt.

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Mountain Valley Pipeline DEQ Hearing February 8, 2021 VR # 17126-1 control panel, you'll see a little red 1 2 microphone. Okay. 3 I think I'm unmuted MR. MCNUTT: 4 My name is Robert McNutt. I'm a landowner 5 in Pittsylvania County not far from the proposed Lambert site. I'm here to ask DEQ to deny the 6 7 permit requested by Mountain Valley Pipeline and 8 to forward their request to the Virginia Air 9 10

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Pollution Control Board. It is very disturbing that Mountain Valley appears to have little concern for the residents of the county, especially those living close to the site of the proposed compressor. MVP's initial disclosure of expected pollutants reveal their casual disregard for air quality standards and the citizens who would be affected. Only after denial of their original submission did Mountain Valley agree to add pollution controls to their proposal. And while those controls will allegedly improve the emissions profile, a more responsible company would have submitted plans for an electric

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already being produced by the Williams Transco compressors next door, placing an unfair and unhealthy burden on the adjoining Bannister District with its majority of African-American residents. All of the emissions are hazardous, but I am especially concerned about the dangers of particulate matter in the PM 2.5 category and the sulfur oxides. These emissions from the gasfired compressors are not ameliorated by proposed pollution controls and are particularly unhealthy for lung function in children, the elderly, and residents with health challenges. I am also disturbed by Mountain Valley's disregard for the community shown in their inadequate concern for environmental justice.

While MVP contracted with a consultant to perform an environmental justice study, the study was not only inadequate but Mountain Valley felt compelled to misrepresent the study results in their submission, thus compounding their transgressions by insulting the County, the Commonwealth, and the Department of Environmental Quality. MVP has a considerable track record of failures and misrepresentations and it is incumbent upon DEQ to hold them to the

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newsletters to every landowner along the project route as well as public officials, business, and nongovernmental groups and others since 2018. We've held or participated in public meetings in Pittsylvania County including two meetings in the summer of 2018 and one in 2019. The most recent newsletter went to stakeholders in December 2020 and specifically highlighted details about the proposed Lambert Station. In September 2020 the project team sent mailers directly to all homes within a 1.5 mile radius of the Lambert Station This mailer, sent via certified mail, site. provided information about the facility and provided ways to learn more. We followed up directly with multiple residents who reached out to us in response to that mailer. After the Department issued its public notice of the draft air permit, we advertised the public hearing in the Chatham Star Tribune and Danville Register and Bee newspapers. We posted information about it on our website. We advertised it online. And on December 29th we

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sent via certified mail the public notice to 178

recipients including local public officials and

all residences within a 1.5 mile radius of the

1 station site. We are pleased to propose this project and we're proud of the work that has been 2 3 done to develop it. We want people to know about 4 it and the serious efforts that have been 5 undertaken to incorporate top notch technologies that protect public health. We also want to 6 7 continue these conversations and continue to build long term relationships in the community 8 because we want to be a good neighbor. I hope 10 the permit is approved and I want to thank you 11 for the chance to speak tonight. 12 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 13 comments. Next on our list is Sonja ... 14 FEMALE SPEAKER: Paul, we need to 15 call on Mary Finley Brook. 16 MR. JENKINS: Okay. 17 FEMALE SPEAKER: She didn't have 18 her hand up. 19 MR. JENKINS: She didn't have her 20 hand, okay. Mary Finley Brook, are you ... 21 MS. FINLEY BROOK: I'm here, can 22 you hear me? 23 MR. JENKINS: Yes, we can. 24 MS. FINLEY BROOK: Good, because 25 my hand has been up and I've been here all night.

Thank you so much. I'm Dr. Mary Finley Brook 1 from the University of Richmond. There are many 2 3 glaring errors and omissions in the materials for 4 this proposed permit application. This case must be elevated for the full review by the Air Board. 5 For one, there's been a complete failure of 6 meaningful participation of impacted 7 environmental justice populations. This is 8 9 reason enough to reject the permit given 10 Virginia's new rules aiming to eliminate 11 disproportionate impact from polluting 12 Furthermore, in this instance the facilities. 13 environmental justice report was totally 14 misrepresented by the company in dishonest ways 15 on a project that violates the equity required 16 both in our State Energy Code and in Federal 17 civil rights norms. 18 And in my remaining time, I will 19 address three technical weaknesses. Number one, 20 the air toxic analysis. Evaluated health risks 21 to local populations by modeling hexane and 22 formaldehyde emissions from MVP Lambert Station 23 only, the report does not determine whether the 24 background concentrations of formaldehyde and 25 hexane are already a significant health risk or

burden for local residents. In fact, the most 1 recently available EPA national emissions 2 3 inventory from 2017 shows that the Transco 4 Compressor Station 165 next to the planned site 5 released 415 pounds of hexane and a highly concerning 30,036 pounds of formaldehyde in that 6 7 Ignoring background concentrations of air year. toxic demonstrates a systemic disregard for the 8 9 health of vulnerable populations. Lambert Station's additional emissions of 10 11 formaldehyde and other hazardous air pollutants 12 must be understood in that context and modeled 13 cumulatively. 14 Number two, the hexane content of 15 natural gas in the Mountain Valley pipeline is 16 listed as 0.222 percent by weight according to 17 their FERQ filing. On the other hand, the hexane 18 content of the gas in the Southgate expansion is 19 listed as only 0.04 percent by weight. 20 hexane content of gas will likely influence 21 hexane emissions from the Lambert Compressor 22 Station and therefore its air quality impacts and 23 health risks. MVP needs to explain why they used 24 such a lower hexane content for an expansion of 25 the same pipeline with full details to account

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for any difference. Otherwise, they must use the most accurate hexane content for typical and maximum emissions calculations based on a representative sampling of gas in the feeder gathering system.

Number three, MVP is listed by Equitrans as receiving gas from its gathering system via the Weston facility. This is the same Equitrans facility that supplies gas to the Texas Eastern Transmission pipeline. The Texas Eastern pipeline emits benzene from flashing emissions, pipe fugitive emissions, and condensate take emissions. Since MVP will receive its gas from this same Equitrans gathering facility, it seems highly suspect that the same facility can supply gas to one pipeline that emits benzene and then to a second pipeline that does not. MVP again needs to provide a representative sample of gas composition from the Equitrans gathering system, preferably the Weston facility that will supply it, and provide detailed explanation for why their pipeline would not emit benzene like the other system.

For these reasons and many others

I don't have time to address here today such as

the lack of review of alternative sites and 1 alternative technologies such as electric motors, 2 3 which shows this is not the best available 4 control technology, I recommend that DEQ deny 5 this application. Thank you. 6 Thank you for your MR. JENKINS: 7 All right, next on our list is Sonja comments. 8 Ingram. 9 MS. INGRAM: Hi, I'm Sonja Ingram, 10 field, preservation field services manager for 11 Preservation Virginia. I'm a native of 12 Pittsylvania County. I currently reside in 13 Danville. I want to thank the DEQ for holding 14 this public hearing tonight. I want to voice my 15 concerns for the Mountain Valley pipeline and the 16 Lambert Compressor Station. The pipeline 17 companies have not shown the need or the 18 necessity for the Mountain Valley pipeline or the 19 Lambert Compressor Station. Mountain Valley 20 pipeline also continues to face financial, legal, 21 and regulatory hurdles. It's important to 22 consider today's changing economics, the growing 23 demands to fight climate change, and the 24 reduction of the use of fossil fuels. 25 The pipeline has been a nightmare

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for many people living along its route as we know who have endured major erosion and runoff on their properties and in their streams. Property owners along the pipeline and in the areas of the proposed compressor station are facing huge economic losses, including greatly lowered property values. Most concerning are the health issues of these communities where compressor stations are located due to the exposure of toxic air emissions. I know families who live near the current compressor station in Pittsylvania County and the proposed Lambert Compressor Station. know some of the rich history of the Jones farm and what they are facing with the proposed compressor station. They have already lived for years with one compressor station emitting air pollutants. One compressor station is bad enough, but when you add more you are doubling or tripling the health concerns of this community. In many places in Virginia, including other places in Pittsylvania County, traditional African-American and low income communities end up being the places where industrial sites are located. Including landfills, sewage facilities, industrial parks,

1 and compressor stations. The attention now being 2 paid to African-American, native, and low income communities is long overdue. The Lambert Station 3 4 appears to be an environmental justice issue, but as others have stated, the appropriate 5 environmental justice studies have still not been 6 7 done to determine this. In light of all of this, I ask the air quality permit be denied and this 8 9 case be considered by the full Board. Thank you. 10 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 11 comments. And next on our list is Steven 12 Pulliam. 13 MR. PULLIAM: Hello, can you hear 14 me? 15 MR. JENKINS: Yes, we can. 16 MR. PULLIAM: Hello, thank you, 17 I really appreciate you doing so Mr. Jenkins. 18 well with this meeting and thank the DEQ for 19 having us tonight. My name is Steven Pulliam. 20 I'm the Dan Riverkeeper for Good Stewards of Rockingham. We will, we are echoing a lot of the 21 22 concerns brought about the MVP compressor station 23 as well as the MVP main line. They will be 24 echoed in written comments that we submit as a 25 standalone organization and with fellow

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Tonight I would just like to highlight environmental justice. As you are well aware and most of us here, we're in the middle of a pandemic. As one of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors thankfully pointed out earlier, there is a great lack of broadband Internet access in that district. So beyond also recommending that this go to a full hearing of the Virginia Air Pollution Control Board, I would recommend we can postpone that meeting and this entire permit until we can at least have a successful framework for what reaching out into these environmental justice communities looks like. And beyond getting the framework together, actually executing that.

I think we should not try and say we did this because we have to. I think we should do this and to our best ability add it to make sure those voices that are usually stamped out as they're being tonight by some are uplifted and can be told in their own words the stories and how they're directly impacted. Beyond that, minimizing impact is not removing impact. And low impact is absolutely not no impact.

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Cumulative impacts need to be assessed along with this, this proposed facility along with those neighboring. I do have faith that the DEQ can look through the falsehoods brought by not only people representative of their counties and elected officials, elected positions, but in some administrative positions as well. The falsehoods about economic development.

I do believe that the Board can look by the inability and unwillingness to act to develop successfully their own communities when they failed to do so before. Municipalities can't rise from the ashes without being innovative and groundbreaking. There is some occurrence, impetitiveness [phonetic] assessment for the area here, but you can look to the many neighbors around Pittsylvania County that have had those projects completed successfully. There is no possibility of this bringing any kind of economic development. What it can bring is more decline like we've seen historically over the past several decades with the youth leaving, health worsening, access to healthcare decreasing.

The environmental justice issues



1 need to be more carefully looked at by the DEQ as well as the discrepancies between DEQ, the papers 2 3 submitted to DEQ, and what the actual research 4 papers held on behalf of MVP said. That again will be echoing some more, some more in depth and 5 technical comments along with other partners and 6 7 written comments. Thank you for letting us have 8 the time tonight. 9 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 10 comments. Next on our list is Travis Williams. 11 If you're ready to speak. 12 FEMALE SPEAKER: You are unmuted. 13 You need to unmute your mic. You can go to the 14 webinar control panel and click on the little red 15 microphone and that'll unmute you. Travis? 16 MR. JENKINS: Travis? 17 It looks like FEMALE SPEAKER: 18 you're unmuted. Let's come back to him. 19 MR. JENKINS: All right, we'll 20 move on to Virginia Pannabecker. Virginia, are 21 you ready to speak? 22 MS. PANNABECKER: Hello, can you 23 hear me? 24 MR. JENKINS: Yes. 25 MS. PANNABECKER: Hello, I'm

Virginia Pannabecker from Blacksburg, Montgomery 1 County, Virginia. While I'm not in Pittsylvania 2 3 County, the Lambert Compressor Station would 4 extend the Mountain Valley Pipeline which we are 5 fighting in Montgomery County due to numerous documented air, water, and land issues we have 6 7 seen. And because the MVP is a costly fossil fuel project going the wrong direction from the 8 9 green infrastructure we need for long term 10 sustainability in Virginia. 11 I support prior comments from 12 representatives who spoke earlier from the local 13 NAACP, from Food and Water Watch, indigenous 14 community members, and others who shared grave 15 concerns of air and water pollution. And join 16 them in emphasizing that DEQ's focus must be on 17 evaluating impact on air quality. I urge you to 18 require review of the air permit and cumulative 19 impact from this station by the Citizen Air 20 Pollution Control Board and to deny the air 21 permit. All community stakeholders have not been 22 included as we have heard from many people. And 23 cumulative impact is of grave concern. 24 With the two existing Transco 25 compressor stations, the combined emissions would



be equivalent to a Clean Air Act Title 5 air polluting facility for carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and other air pollutants. As someone with asthma, I empathize with others who have asthma and I'm particularly concerned about air pollution in Virginia like in this area that has existing compressor stations. Right now with Covid-19, we should all be more aware of the importance of respiratory health. Air pollution at any level harms our respiratory health, making us more susceptible to respiratory diseases and other health complications.

MVP predicts that the Lambert

Compressor Station will emit almost nine pounds
of formaldehyde an hour on top of the background
rate of nineteen tons per year emitted by the

Transco compressor stations. These emissions can
cause breathing problems and increase
complications of existing COPD and asthma.

Particulate matter emission will increase by
almost thirty percent. Particulate pollution
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The only hazardous air pollutant that is subject to hourly and yearly emission limits in the draft permit is formaldehyde. There are several other hazardous air pollutants listed including benzene, toluene, xylenes that can cause adverse health effects but are not in the air permit. Given these issues, especially the combined cumulative impacts of the existing compressor stations and the proposed Lambert station, I urge you to require a review of this permit by the Citizen Air Pollution Control Board and further engage with broader representation of directly affected community members to fully understand the dire air quality and critical health concerns. Finally, I urge you to deny the permit and support community health. very much.

MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your comments. I'll check with Travis Williams, if you're ready to speak. All right, we will come back to you in a minute, Travis. So moving up the list at the top of the list there alphabetically, Alden Dudley.

FEMALE SPEAKER: Alden, you are

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project will emit elevated levels of noxious gases such as carbon monoxide and formaldehyde into the air and we've heard that, we've heard it over and over tonight, as well as increased noise levels and threatened potential soil and water contamination.

The branch, though MVP has made an impact in the community and getting to know some folks and attending some meetings, the branch was not aware of this project until recently. recently. And we also request a formal meeting with our members to discuss these and any potential environmental justice issues and to become more active in mitigative seeking efforts. We should always have local residents at the table to determine local solutions, and this community is already overburdened with zero protection or benefits. And we are already burdened with two existing Transco compressor stations emitting hazardous air pollutants. And so we request, and again that this is put off and actually elevated to the Air Pollution Control Board. And thank you, thank you for your time. MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your



Next on our list is Chris Lund.

1 MR. LUND: Yes, good evening. Can 2 you hear me? 3 MR. JENKINS: Yes, we can. 4 MR. LUND: Very good, thank you. 5 My name is Chris Lund and I am a landowner here 6 in Pittsylvania County. I am representing the 7 Chris Lund family. I want to, yes, sir? Did 8 someone say something? 9 MR. JENKINS: No, I don't think 10 so. 11 Okay, I would like to MR. LUND: 12 say I'm proud to be represented by Supervisor 13 Miller and his comments with regard to the permit 14 for the Lambert Compressor Station. I am in 15 favor of the permit being issued. It's important 16 that any facility that is permitted in the 17 county, in the state for that matter, follow the 18 permit conditions. There are twenty-three pages 19 of permit conditions in this permit that cover 20 emissions monitoring, continued emissions 21 monitoring, shutdown, startup, completely 22 comprehensive to be protective of the 23 environment. And I believe that DEQ is following 24 its regulations to the T in issuing such a 25 permit.

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I want to point out that no facility of this size or, whether it's clean air, whether it's renewable energy or whether it's fossil fuels, are going to be not without impacts to the environment. Every one of these facilities need regulations to control them because they all have impacts. Even renewables. It's not a Shangri-La in the renewable energy There are windmills, you know, the wind turbines have noise pollution. They have, they have things that can't be recycled and have to be buried in landfills. Solar panels are toxic and cannot be thrown away in landfills either. you know, to color that this existing technology is any worse than renewables, I think that it's very misleading. All of them have issues, they all have to be regulated, they all have to be controlled. This is technology that the industry is very familiar with, the DEQ is very familiar with, and the controls are in the permit to permit this compressor station effectively and as long as it's monitored effectively and operated effectively, it will be protective of human health and the environment. And so I

support issuing such a permit for this facility. 1 Regardless of whether there is a pipeline to it 2 3 or not, they still have the right to issue, 4 request this permit and for it to be issued. 5 Thank you very much. 6 Thank you for your MR. JENKINS: 7 comments. 8 MR. DUDLEY: Can you hear me now? 9 JENKINS: Is that Travis? 10 MR. DUDLEY: No, this is Alden 11 Dudley. 12 MR. JENKINS: Oh, Alden Dudley, 13 yes, Alden. 14 MR. DUDLEY: Okay, thank you very 15 I'm a retired physician who came to much. 16 Roanoke Valley because of its beauty and I got here as chief of staff at the VA Medical Center. 17 18 I was an associate dean at the medical school in 19 Charlottesville. And after that job I spent 20 seven years helping start the medical school in 21 Blacksburg for the Via College of Osteopathic 22 I'm calling because my father started Medicine. 23 the Columbia gas line in 1995 that went from 24 Houston to New Jersey. And he went around the 25 mountains instead of crossing them, because that

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made sense and because it was a lot safer. Those line pipes are now fifty-five to seventy years old and they're being closed down because of erosion and increasing danger.

I live on three acres and I have the Tennessee gas line going across. Thankfully it's only an eight-inch pipeline, but I have covered it with an additional four feet of clay so that oxygen cannot get there and decrease the likelihood of an explosion. You may all remember the explosion at Appomattox, which is thirty-five miles northeast of Roanoke, in 2009. That was the Transco pipeline that was thirty-two inches in diameter and it blew a hole two thousand feet across. When I was at the Cleveland Clinic, I learned that they had an explosion in 1948, natural gas that was in a pipeline, excuse me, a tank farm above ground like you see tank trucks go to get loads of gasoline, kerosene, or whatever. And when that tank exploded, it totally decimated a mile of Cleveland as though an atomic bomb had been there. And they calculated it actually was one-sixth the power of an atomic bomb.

And indeed there was a lot of gas



1 involved, but there was no pressure behind it. 2 And when you take a forty-two-inch gas line and 3 put behind it fourteen hundred PSI, the explosion 4 that will create will be about five miles wide and will totally eliminate villages and towns if 5 it happens to be in one of those towns. 6 7 concern is about the safety involved in the construction, on the mountains, and the shifting 8 9 with the karst soils and the high likelihood 10 actually of explosions. Now obviously on the 11 mountainsides there aren't going to be many 12 people living, there won't be as many killed, but 13 the decimation of our forests will be absolutely 14 gargantuan. We came down here for the beauty, 15 not for an explosion that was going to be 16 extremely wide. 17 In terms of creating an economy, 18 our Tennessee gas line going across our property 19 has one supervisor that comes through every three 20 years along with three non-English-speaking 21 people from Guatemala. Nice people, but they are 22 cutting down at elevations where it's too steep 23 for heavy equipment and there are two or three 24 other people operating the heavy equipment. 25 those are the only jobs I know of on the



1 pipeline. It was never intended for Virginia, it was intended for shipping to China and India. 2 3 MR. JENKINS: Thank you, Travis, 4 thank you for your comments. 5 FEMALE SPEAKER: Paul. 6 MR. JENKINS: I mean, sorry, 7 Yes, Marilee? Alden, yes. 8 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** We need to call 9 on William Limpert. 10 MR. JENKINS: Okay. William, are 11 you ready to speak? 12 MR. LIMPERT: Yes, I am. Can you 13 hear me? 14 MR. JENKINS: Yes, I can, go 15 ahead. 16 MR. LIMPERT: Okay. My name is 17 Will Limpert and I'm speaking to you as a private 18 citizen. I'm opposed to DEQ's issuance of an air 19 permit for the Lambert Compressor Station. 20 believe the DEQ draft air permit for the Lambert 21 Compressor Station is significantly flawed, in 22 part because it is based on misinformation 23 provided by MVP. I believe the pollution will be 24 much higher than stated and will seriously 25 threaten the health of nearby residents and the

Mountain Valley Pipeline DEQ Hearing February 8, 2021 VR # 17126-1 environment. The permit greatly underestimates leakage, and there is no air dispersion model for The analysis fails to consider radio leakage. nuclides and other carcinogenic and toxic substances that are present in the gas stream. There are other serious data gaps 6 Numerous recent studies have shown that as well. natural gas transmission systems like the MVP leak significantly and that a high percentage of this leakage occurs at compressor stations. use of EPA leakage data from 1995 is no longer accurate and the use of industry data is suspect. 13 The draft permit states that emission component 14 leaks at less than five hundred parts per million

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are not considered leaks. This allows a very high volume of unaccounted-for leakage and it does not take into account other areas of leakage at the compressor station.

The draft permit states that leakage will be monitored by visual, olfactory, and auditory methods. Natural gas is odorless and colorless and I have been advised that the MVP will not add an odorant, so it can't be seen or smelled. Since compressor stations are noisy, the chances of a leak being heard are small.

main component of natural gas is methane, but other substances comprise between five percent and ten percent of the gas stream and these include carcinogens and toxins. Radioactive radon, radioactive lead, radioactive polonium are all carried in natural gas. EP estimates that radon causes 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year in our country. Radon could be leaked from the compressor station at 100 to 150 times ambient air levels, very dangerous radioactive lead and extremely dangerous radioactive polonium may be leaked as well.

Numerous other dangerous
substances which are not covered by this draft
permit will be leaked also. The air dispersion
model provided to DEQ does not cover leakage.

Leakage occurs at or near ground level and not at
the top of the emissions stack. All of the
dangerous substances in the gas stream are
heavier than air and much heavier than methane.

I believe it's possible they will drop out of the
leakage plume and accumulate near the compressor
station where they could be ingested or inhaled
by local residents. I can find no studies that
have shown otherwise. DEO should not issue a

permit for this facility until they complete 1 2 further research on these issues and they should 3 consult with the Virginia Department of Health, 4 the Virginia Radiation Advisory Board, and the 5 Without further research and consultation, DEQ is placing the health of Virginia residents 6 7 at risk. Thank you. 8 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 9 All right, the remaining hands listed 10 here, Travis Williams, if you're ready to speak? 11 MR. WILLIAMS: Can you hear me? 12 MR. JENKINS: Yes, yes, we can. 13 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay, wow, finally. 14 Yeah, I have been here the entire time. 15 know what that was. Initially I could not get 16 the microphone on my computer because it's a work 17 computer and it's not on Zoom. So, anyways. 18 Yes, so I'm Dr. Travis Williams. I'm an 19 environmental sociologist at Virginia 20 Commonwealth University, but I'm speaking here 21 tonight on my own behalf. I teach classes on 22 environmental justice, on race and ethnicity, and 23 I want to fervently oppose the proposed Lambert 24 Compression Station in Pittsylvania County. 25 also just to express my total opposition to the

toxic, destructive, criminal operation known as
the Mountain Valley Pipeline, to which it is
attached. This is a very thug-ish and heavy
handed industrial operation that has not even
been legally permitted and I do not believe will
ever be permitted.

We need a full public hearing with the entire Air Board. There needs to be a full environmental justice review. You all can't just slide this in and act like it's no big deal. There are really serious threats to Democracy going on. Even in just the way this meeting was organized. I had technical difficulty and I work in technology all the time. I can't imagine what someone who has very compromised broadband might be dealing with, with this app and the way this hearing has been set up.

But so we know the main line of MVP is more than three years behind schedule. It's nearly doubled its budget. There's a lot, there's a very strong chance this is not going to happen, and yet MVP is still seeking permits for its Southgate Extension. We know the compressor stations are very polluting, are very polluting. They're necessary for pipelines, but they're also

widely known for leaks and methane, a lot of 1 toxic chemicals that can cause a whole just 2 boatload of health impairments to communities. 3 4 We know with this compressor station alone that 5 the particulate matter in the area would be almost thirty percent above its current level and 6 7 MVP's own projections show that it could emit nearly nine pounds of formaldehyde an hour. 8 9 As I understand, there's been multiple EJ communities identified within a 10 11 three- to five-mile radius of this site. There's 12 also very real risk in terms of compressor 13 stations exploding. Compressor stations are 14 really nasty polluting facilities. Nobody wants 15 to be near a compressor station. And so again, I 16 want to just oppose this compressor station and 17 really ask that you all hold an actual public 18 hearing in front of the entire Air Board so that 19 this can be a more transparent and more 20 Democratic process, which right now it clearly 21 isn't. So thank you for your time and thanks for 22 letting me speak. 23 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 24 comments. 25 FEMALE SPEAKER: Paul, we need to

1 call on Tyla Matteson. 2 MR. JENKINS: All right, Tyler. 3 FEMALE SPEAKER: Tyla. 4 MS. MATTESON: Okay, can you hear 5 me? 6 MR. JENKINS: Yes. 7 MS. MATTESON: Thank you, Mr. 8 Jenkins, and I would recommend denial for the permit and I would, I request a full nearing before the Air Pollution Control Board for the 10 11 permit for the Lambert Compressor Station in 12 Pittsylvania County, Virginia. It is premature 13 to request a permit for the compressor station as 14 the main line for the MVP is far from completed. 15 It is not a recommended policy to put in 16 infrastructure for a project that may never be 17 built and there are many concerns on health 18 implications from the various pollutants which 19 need to be fully addressed. And there are severe 20 concerns regarding the environmental justice 21 issues that need to be considered. 22 And I am affected by, as we all 23 are, all living things are, by climate change and 24 global warming from the continued extraction and 25 burning of fossil fuels, in this case fracked

1 gas. We need to be scaling back, not accelerating the use of natural gas, moving 2 3 steadily and rapidly to a hundred percent clean and renewable energy. And natural gas is not 4 5 renewable and it is not clean. Thank you very 6 much. 7 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 8 comments. All right, let's see, one second here. 9 So we have Kevin Vaughan listed with his hand up 10 to speak. 11 FEMALE SPEAKER: He's not 12 speaking. 13 MR. JENKINS: All right. Michelle 14 Goldberg just raised her hand. 15 MS. GOLDBERG: Hi, can you hear 16 me? 17 MR. JENKINS: Yes, is this 18 Michelle? 19 MS. GOLDBERG: Yes. This is 20 Michelle Goldberg and I'm voicing opposition to 21 the permit. I'd just like to remind us all that 22 we are in a climate emergency and as long as we 23 continue to build infrastructure for the fossil 24 fuel industry, then we are doing a grave 25 disservice to the children of future generations.

1 I'm very concerned. I'm a farmer in Albemarle County, but I'm very concerned for my neighbors 2 3 who would live near this polluting compressor 4 station for all of, I'm concerned about their 5 health, I'm concerned about their children, I'm concerned about the safety of the water and the 6 7 soil. And I just urge that this permit be 8 denied. Thank you. 9 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 10 comments. All right. 11 FEMALE SPEAKER: Paul, let's call 12 on the people that did not raise their hand but 13 they did register to speak. 14 MR. JENKINS: All right. 15 FEMALE SPEAKER: Grace Tuttle is 16 on my list. I'll unmute her. 17 MR. JENKINS: All right, Grace, 18 can you hear us? 19 FEMALE SPEAKER: Well, if she 20 doesn't want to speak, she can write in her 21 comments. 22 MR. JENKINS: All right. This is 23 a good time if anybody would like to speak, have 24 their comments entered, they can choose the raise 25 your hand option and we will call on you.

1 FEMALE SPEAKER: Okay, next is Joshua Vana. Or did we, did we hear from Joshua 2 3 already? 4 MR. JENKINS: Yes, we did. 5 FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes, we heard from Joshua? 6 7 MR. VANA: Yeah, we did. 8 **FEMALE SPEAKER:** Okay, thank you. 9 All right. Mark Barker? 10 MR. JENKINS: Yeah, we heard from 11 him also. 12 FEMALE SPEAKER: Okay. I was 13 trying to keep up, it's a big list. 14 MR. JENKINS: Yes. 15 FEMALE SPEAKER: Richard Shingles? 16 MR. SHINGLES: Yes, can you hear 17 me? 18 MR. JENKINS: Yes, we can. 19 MR. SHINGLES: Thank you. Ι 20 appreciate it. I'm a retired political science 21 from Virginia Tech. My area of expertise is 22 policy impacts on minority communities and 23 research methods, and I'm here to speak 24 specifically to a report that was paid for by 25 Mountain Valley Pipeline. It's the one by Land

1 and, Inherit Land, Land Heritage, Land and 2 Heritage, and it addresses the air quality impacts of the compressor station that would be 3 4 in violation of the Virginia Environmental 5 Justice Act and the Clean Air Act. And the main point I want to make about this is that Mountain 6 7 Valley Pipeline and its draft environmental 8 impact statement misrepresents this report, so I'm calling on the Air Board to have a full Board 10 hearing where it can discuss this in some detail. 11 I also note from doing prior 12 research on environmental impact statements by 13 Mountain Valley Pipeline, that this is a pattern 14 where they may hire very highly reputable and 15 competent researchers to do research, and then 16 the company misrepresents the results of that. 17 It's a pattern and it's clear here as well. 18 fact, if you will read that report, you'll find 19 that it, one, it's done very well in terms of 20 research methods. It's consistent with the 21 literature, consistent with the law. All of the 22 operations and procedures that they used are very 23 clearly stated so they can be replicated by 24 others. And it finds communities that are 25 proximate to the compressor station that would be



1 detrimentally impacted by the, the quality of 2 their air quality would be impacted. 3 encourage you to read that report. And thank you 4 for the opportunity to speak with you. 5 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 6 comments. 7 FEMALE SPEAKER: Next one I have is Sarah Huber. 8 9 MR. JENKINS: All right, Sarah, 10 can you hear us? 11 FEMALE SPEAKER: I've unmuted her. 12 She needs to unmute her mic if she wants to 13 Okay, then the next one is, oh, wait a 14 minute. Sarah are you there? Okay, then the 15 next one is Tiona McKinney. 16 MS. MCKINNEY: Hello? 17 MR. JENKINS: Yes. 18 MS. MCKINNEY: Hi, good afternoon 19 or good evening. I just had a quick comment to 20 those who are in favor of the air permit. 21 put yourself in the position of the people who 22 have to deal with this, you know, every day who 23 have to raise children in this environment and 24 ask yourself would you switch places with them. 25 Would you take on this type of hazard in your

life every day? Is this something that you would 1 voluntarily, you know, switch places with the 2 3 people that you were asking to make this 4 sacrifice for your monetary gain? Thank you. 5 MR. JENKINS: If you don't mind, 6 could you say your full name for us for the 7 record? 8 MS. MCKINNEY: Tiona McKinney. 9 MR. JENKINS: Okay, thank you. 10 All right, I'm going through this list, too. Hopefully, whoop. 11 12 FEMALE SPEAKER: So Lib Hutchby 13 still has a hand raised. I'll unmute, but Lib 14 has already made comments. Unless it's somebody, 15 if Lib shared her confirmation link with 16 somebody, then that person would come in under 17 her name. 18 MR. CAMPOS-KECK: Do you have 19 Jason Keck on your list? Lib might have shared 20 it with me. 21 FEMALE SPEAKER: Okay, that's it. 22 So say your name fully so they can get in the 23 record. 24 MR. CAMPOS-KECK: Jason Crazy Bear 25 Campos-Keck, C-A-M-P-O-S hyphen K-E-C-K. Can you

1 hear me well? 2 MR. JENKINS: Yes, we can. Go 3 ahead. Thank you. 4 MR. CAMPOS-KECK: [Foreign]. And 5 that's just a traditional greeting of my 6 ancestors that I have to speak at any forum of 7 this nature. So I'm a tribal citizen of Choctaw 8 of Louisiana, but I represent the local 9 Occaneechi Saponi tribe through our ancient 10 matrilineal traditional commitments of marriage. 11 And if you know anything about that tribe, before 12 the European borders we had full trading 13 territory through Virginia and North Carolina. 14 currently live in Alamance County in North 15 Carolina where the MVP Southgate tried to come 16 through three years ago and I've been against it 17 ever since. 18 So I stand with all the 19 environmental groups and all the civil rights 20 groups that have spoken tonight. But I'm really 21 representing just the living that would be 22 affected or have been affected by these 23 industries. And those that have passed that 24 can't represent themselves. And I'm not just 25 talking about the human living, I'm talking about

1 all the life that has been affected by these 2 industries. So what I want to say is I was 3 physically there when MVP brought people to our 4 community to try to enroll us in their plan and I was very disappointed at the fact that they 5 brought one woman to about fifteen men. 6 7 disappointed with the fact that all of these men 8 were European descended men. Not one 9 representative of color or culture to reflect our 10 community. And they were all young men, so not 11 one elder. So they didn't even do their homework 12 to know that you bring an elder so that we can 13 trust the wisdom of what you're trying to enroll 14 And so I've kind of heard that on this 15 call, all the elders have been speaking against 16 the pipeline and all the people that work for the 17 pipeline have been fairly young. So again, we 18 get this disrespect, this cultural disrespect. 19 That we're used to. 20 But just to speak on the pipeline 21 and the permit that you're talking about right 22 now, I just want to say this is a dying industry. 23 We know this is a dying industry. Everybody's 24 talking about how the industry is moving to 25 something else. Most leaders have accepted it.

So what the industry strategy is, is like a 1 2 monopoly game on a board, is to put as many 3 pipelines and pieces on the board so they can 4 squeeze the last bit of their industry out. 5 I can prove this by saying how come MVP investors will spend all these millions to create new 6 7 pipelines and such and stations instead of putting that money in the existing stations that 8 9 we know are locally leaking, eroding, breaking 10 down all over the place? And why is that 11 investment to secure the destruction that's 12 already in the ground less of a priority than to 13 break up new ground and keep the destruction 14 going? So I'll just close with you with the 15 saying of my grandmother who spoke three 16 languages, Choctaw, French, and English. And in 17 English she used to say, baby, wrong is wrong and 18 right is right. So I'll just give that to the 19 I'm not sure of your age, but that's 20 ancient wisdom. Wrong is wrong and right is 21 right. Thank you for your time. 22 MR. JENKINS: All right, thank you 23 for your comments. We're going through this 24 I see Lee Williams' hand raised. list. 25 FEMALE SPEAKER: You're unmuted,



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2 MS. WILLIAMS: Outstanding, thank 3 you very much. Good evening, everyone, my name 4 is Lee Williams. I'm calling from Richmond, 5 Virginia. I'm co-director of Green New Deal Virginia and I'm calling in tonight in opposition 6 7 to the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline Lambert Compressor Station permit and to request that DEQ 8 9 schedule a full hearing with the Air Pollution This project needs a full 10 Control Board. 11 environmental justice review. Air pollution and 12 radioactivity have been grossly underestimated 13 and there are numerous data gaps in the 14 assessments. EPA leakage data is no longer 15 accurate and industry data is suspect and we know 16 that this compressor station would increase 17 particulate matter in the community by thirty 18 percent. 19 Efforts to push fossil fuel 20 projects are completely incompatible with serious 21 climate action in Virginia. They will hurt 22 Virginia's economy in the years ahead due to 23 rising costs of fossil fuels compared to clean 24 energy options because of their stranded assets.

Again, I would like to formally request DEQ

schedule a full hearing with the Air Pollution 1 2 Control Board. Thank you. 3 MR. JENKINS: Thank you for your 4 All right, bear with us while we look over our list here and check for hands being 5 6 raised. 7 FEMALE SPEAKER: Lee Williams 8 raised her hand again, but she just made 9 comments, so I'm going to lower it again. 10 MR. JENKINS: Okay. 11 FEMALE SPEAKER: Is there somebody 12 else? Is there somebody else other than Lee on 13 this call? 14 MS. WILLIAMS: Nope. 15 FEMALE SPEAKER: Okay. 16 MR. JENKINS: All right. 17 FEMALE SPEAKER: I don't see any 18 other hands raised. 19 No, I don't either. MR. JENKINS: 20 FEMALE SPEAKER: If anybody else 21 wants to speak, they should raise their hand if 22 they haven't already spoken. Correct? 23 MR. JENKINS: Yep. All right, 24 Freeda Cathcart has raised her hand again. 25 there somebody else associated with that

1 registration? 2 MS. CATHCART: I just wanted to 3 quickly say, just process-wise, this was 4 advertised that the hearing would go on until 5 10:00 and even though there might not be people here right now, there could be people getting off 6 7 work who are trying to get on. So I was just 8 hoping that you all, and I appreciate your all's 9 time, but there might be people that might try 10 and hop on since it was advertised it was going 11 through 10:00. 12 MR. JENKINS: Yeah, I think the 13 public notice has a start time, did not have an 14 end time, and then the last notice that we did 15 send out would be 10:00 or if we stopped 16 receiving comments. 17 FEMALE SPEAKER: William Limpert 18 has his hand raised again. It might be somebody 19 else on that call. Is there somebody else other 20 than William Limpert? 21 MR. LIMPERT: No, I'm sorry, I 22 thought my hand was down. I don't have any other 23 comments except I'm opposed to the permit for the 24 compressor station. 25 MR. JENKINS: All right, thank

1 you. All right, I don't see any other hands raised for, I think we've given everybody an 2 3 opportunity to speak for the three minutes that 4 was asked for. There's no other requests to 5 speak. 6 MR. DUDLEY: I have an additional 7 This is Alden Dudley if you can take comment. 8 it. 9 MR. JENKINS: I think we had, if 10 you want to submit that in writing, you can submit that to the contact information that's on 11 12 the board there. 13 MR. DUDLEY: All right. 14 MR. JENKINS: It might be better 15 to do that to give us a better chance to look at 16 it and do a thorough review. All right, I see 17 Kay Ferguson's hand raised. 18 FEMALE SPEAKER: She's given comment before. We'll see if there was somebody 19 20 else on that line. 21 MR. JENKINS: Okay. 22 MS. FERGUSON: Do you have the, 23 this is Kay, do you have the count of how many 24 comments were made tonight? 25 MR. JENKINS: How many what?

1 MS. FERGUSON: How many public 2 comments were received. 3 MR. JENKINS: We have unofficially 4 fifty-four I think is what we've written down. 5 MS. FERGUSON: Thank you. 6 MR. JENKINS: We'll know better 7 once we get, we try to keep up with everybody. But I think that's what we have so far is fifty-8 9 All right, just checking the list. 10 have given everybody an opportunity to speak for 11 their three minutes that has requested it. 12 information on the screen is the information that 13 you can use to submit written comments, too, 14 either by email or direct mail. Or post office 15 mail, sorry. All right, I don't see any other 16 hands raised for anybody that wishes to speak, 17 that hasn't spoken yet. We'll give it a few more 18 minutes to see if anybody comes on or is on that 19 would like to speak. 20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: May I ask 21 when we are speaking who is listening? 22 MR. JENKINS: Who is listening on 23 the call? This is, I'm the hearing officer. My 24 name is Paul Jenkins. I'm the regional air 25 permit manager for the Blue Ridge Regional Office

1 of DEQ. And I'm the hearing officer and I'm 2 taking the comments and we're also recording all of them to be transcribed. We are giving it just 3 4 a few more minutes. We have given everybody at 5 least three, up to three minutes to give verbal comments and we do encourage anyone that would 6 7 like the opportunity that has not had the 8 opportunity to submit written comments to Anita 9 Walthall at the address on the screen. 10 right, at this time we don't have anybody else 11 listed that has not spoken tonight. I would like 12 to remind everyone that all written comments on 13 the draft permit amendment must be received by 14 close of business on March 10th, 2021 if 15 submitted by mail. And if emailed, the comments 16 must be received by 11:59 p.m. on March 10th, 17 2021, to become part of the official record. 18 the record of the proceedings show that at this 19 time there are no other persons present on the 20 webinar that are indicating they wish to comment 21 that have not spoken already. As all comments 22 have been made, all statements and questions 23 received have been entered into the record, and 24 there's no one else who wishes to speak at this 25 time, I declare that this hearing is adjourned as



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